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Travellers are aiming to stay on Stalling Down until next week (at least)

REPORT by PHILIP IRWIN

Alun Cairns MP and Andrew RT Davies AM in front of the travellers' caravans.

THE group of travellers encamped on Stalling Down Common near Cowbridge, say they do not intend to leave until "after the weekend".

On Tuesday (August 2) they defied a Vale Council notice requiring them to leave.

Stalling Down is registered common land that is owned by the Council. Notices were erected on Monday across the site informing of the deadline and that the occupation of the land is deemed inappropriate and unauthorised.

Council officers have been monitoring the encampment and the conduct of the group throughout the week.

A Vale Council spokesman said: "The council's legal team attended Cardiff Civil Justice Centre to request a hearing for possession of the land immediately after the deadline had passed.

"However, the court directed the matter to Port Talbot County Court. The application for an eviction notice has now been filed with the county court and a hearing is set for Monday, August 8.

"An application was made by the council for the hearing to be brought forward so that the matter could be brought to the swiftest possible conclusion. This was declined by the court."

The travellers' refusal to move on came as no surprise to Vale Conservative MP Alun Cairns and regional AM Andrew RT Davies, who spoke to the travelling group on Monday. The group have had their 10 caravans on the Common since Thursday of last week.

Mr Cairns, who is Welsh Secretary of State, and Mr Davies have expressed concern that it took the Vale Council until Monday to issue the travellers with a notice. They contrast this with a case in Caedelyn Park in Rhiwbina, which was cleared only 27 hours after the encampment had been established.

Mr Cairns said: "I am disappointed that another illegal occupation has taken place on this site – one of the most picturesque in the Vale. This group must be removed and barriers installed to prevent further incursions.

"There is a real risk that the Vale could be seen to be a soft touch on unauthorised travellers if tougher action is not taken."

Welsh Tory leader Andrew RT Davies, added: "This is not the first time the area has been subject to an illegal encampment. People are disappointed that a group of travellers have come back. It's concerning, especially as this is a bigger group than before."

Dinas Powys Community Councillor Vincent Driscoll, chairman of the Vale Conservatives, said: "The Vale Council are often seen as too politically-correct when dealing with these occupations."

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Moving on up! Young 'graduates' celebrate their successes. See more photos by Mike Wilcock on page 4.

MAKE DATE FOR THE VALE SHOW!

THE Vale of Glamorgan Show, one of south Wales' premier events, takes place next Wednesday, August 10.

As ever, the organisers have planned hundreds of attractions, as well as showcasing the very best in local and Welsh farming. People attend from all over Wales and parts of England.

Sarah Fenner, general secretary, urged: "Come and join us on Wednesday next week for the Vale Show where you will find a very warm welcome."

Car parking is free on the site and the Vale Council supports the event by running buses from all over the Vale.

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'Cyclists should show drivers more respect'

AS a cyclist who still rides about 125 miles each week, I feel that I know what I am talking about.

I ride between St Nicolas and Ogmore-by Sea, using the main roads and the lanes and on many occasions, I have witnessed riders riding two abreast and often three abreast.

Cars queue for miles before managing to pass them, and any hooting by drivers gets the 'finger wave' and abusive language.

Only an idiot would not worry about a few tons of impatient metal behind them.

I would have thought most of these riders drive a car, and know how it feels to be stuck behind bicycles not in single file.

By all means, ride three abreast when there is no traffic, but when cars and trucks approach, get into single file.

Stop being idiots and giving all of us cyclists a bad name.

Have some respect!

Robin Jones,
St Athan.

Reaction to Brexit outcome was a sight to behold!

I AM sure we are now all well versed in Mr Westerman's philosophy on life and politics after his almost weekly correspondence in various local newspapers.

Aristotle can't hold a candle to his thoughts! His jottings expose the weaknesses of human nature and his innermost thoughts on the world in general.

Last week's letter in The GEM was no exception.

Surely, Mr Westerman, in Wales we are untainted by the free market economy?

We live in this Labour paradise and for 14 years we had socialist politicians at every level of government – and still have a socialist Welsh Assembly – therefore everything should be fine and dandy.

The fact is, that if as in Wales we give a certain party unbridled governance they have become sclerotic and slovenly.

I was at the Bridgend count for the Referendum: There were many Labour party representatives present and the look of shock and disbelief at the Brexit result – and that the electorate they think they own had gone against their wishes – was a sight to behold.

This outcome has nothing to do with individualism but the cold, hard facts.

We wish to be ruled by our own politicians in a democratic way.

Going off at a tangent and talking about splintered different factions, because the people have spoken, is a nonsense.

There is a great saying my American friend uses that says it all at a time such as this, *"you have lost your argument – suck it up and move on."*

Ian Hampton,
Maesteg.

Rhoose v Llantwit Major:
Putting record straight on rival local amenities

I REFER to your correspondent, Paul Humphry of Rhoose, who made many wrong statements in his letter to The GEM last week.

He makes reference to Rhoose having a larger population than Llantwit Major when the new development at Rhoose is complete.

Wrong, Mr Humphry, you have a long way to go to catch up Llantwit Major, the third largest town in the Vale of Glamorgan.

He then says that Llantwit Major has an artificial pitch – not yet, Mr Humphry! Currently, all our football teams use the 3G at Cowbridge Comprehensive School, or MoD St Athan, for training, which the teams pay for.

There will be a 3G built at Llantwit Major Comprehensive next year, as part of the school development – which will be available for the community to hire – including Rhoose FC.

He then goes on to say that Llantwit Major has excellent rugby facilities – but Llantwit Major Town Council owns the recreation ground where the club play and it is not owned by the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

Yes, they are excellent facilities, but the rugby club own the floodlights and it is to their credit that they have worked with the Town Council to develop the ground.

Where Rhoose has fallen down is that it disbanded its Community Council many years ago, which was a great mistake, in my opinion...

You could have provided your own facilities at Rhoose a long time ago by raising your own funds through the precept – just as Llantwit Major Town Council has done.

Coun Gwyn John,
Llantwit Major.

'Glyn does Barry proud'

Congratulations to all at Art4U for hosting another successful Friendship Tree Festival recently.

The event, in its seventh year, is a friendly festival in the beautiful Knap Gardens, celebrating diversity in the town.

Glyn Pooley works so hard to unite the community through creative events.

I heard many a compliment from the crowd, including "this is the best one yet!"

Vale Jazz & Blues are proud to be affiliated with you, keep up the hard work!

Gemma Collard,
(Team coordinator, Vale Jazz & Blues)

LIGHTS OUT...

WOULD any of the 'powers that be' like to comment on why a good proportion of Boverton is now cast in darkness at midnight?

Saving money on street lighting, at the possible expense of safety, is surely a step too far, especially when we've recently seen £100k spent on Llanmaes traffic lights and other pointless projects.

The bottom half of Boverton Road is already dangerous enough with its inadequate pavement that schoolchildren risk every day; now there's not even enough lighting to see it after 12.

R Bawden, Boverton.

Following the litter of the law

I DON'T like to admit I'm wrong, but thank you, Vale of Glamorgan Council, for banning dogs from the beach until October.

It means that I don't have to walk through the disgusting mess that has been left on the beach, or sit in the sun among soiled nappies, used portable barbecues, and chicken bones.

I don't mind that the council directs the cleaning services from the streets of the Island to clear up the mess daily, in time for the 'day trippers' they pander to, to make a mess again.

I applaud the fact that they don't use enforcement officers, like other councils.

We wouldn't want to spoil the visitors' day by fining them for enjoying themselves by throwing litter – because that would stop them coming again.

I love irony.

Mike Dunn,
Barry.

History of the Caterpillar Club

WITH reference to the recent letter from Mr Gerry Parsons, regarding the Caterpillar Club, I can furnish the following information.

The 'club' was formed circa 1922 by Mr Leslie Irving (or Irvin), the founder of the Irvin Air Chute company that became probably the largest manufacturer of aircrew parachutes in the world.

As Mr Parsons says, the badge depicts a silkworm lowering itself safely to earth by means of a silken thread.

Those badges were, and I believe, still are, donated by the Irvin company to any person, either civilian or military – regardless of nationality – who has saved their lives using an Irvin parachute.

RC Thursby,
Barry.

'Mountains of waste' at recycling plant

WHAT is going on at Barry recycling depot? It used to be so well run and organised by the friendly staff, until recently.

I went there on Monday, July 25, to be met by this sight. There were mountains of garden waste and a pile of cardboard that would fill several containers.

I enquired with a friendly member of staff who informed me that the containers were now not being delivered to them as before, meaning waste, steel, black bags, were just dumped and were awaiting containers to arrive.

This, in my opinion, is an accident waiting to happen, to the staff, or a member of the public, thus being a serious health and safety matter.

Geoff Cook,
Barry.

Shocked at litter on Island beach

I WAS shocked to see the disgusting pictures of rubbish strewn across Barry Island beach on one of the hottest days.

I am pleased to hear that the Vale of Glamorgan Council is now going to take a strong stance over this, but we also need to ask – what about collective responsibility?

We now need everyone to start thinking, before just dumping their rubbish on the floor. We need everyone to understand how important it is to respect their fellow citizens and help keep Barry and the Vale tidy.

If not, we may not see visitors spending their money here, or telling their friends and family not to visit the area again, which would be a crying shame for all.

Finally, how about reintroducing paying deposits for returned bottles? We need to restore pride again!

Coun Richard Bertin
(Independent, Barry Court ward)

Surplus milk tops

SURPLUS to requirements, nine sacks of plastic milk bottle tops; interested person to collect.

Telephone 01446 795533 (after 5pm).

Mrs Percy, Llantwit Major.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL AUGUST 11)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
04 Thur	08.18	9.9	20.34	10.1
05 Fri	08.55	9.9	21.12	9.8
06 Sat	09.30	9.7	21.48	9.6
07 Sun	10.07	9.4	22.19	9.3
08 Mon	10.39	9.0	22.54	8.8
09 Tues	11.13	8.6	23.28	8.4
10 Wed	11.52	8.2		
11 Thur	00.09	8.1	12.39	7.8

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Raising the flag in Old Hall Gardens

Lucy Prisk, coordinator from Keep Wales Tidy, Coun Fred Johnson and Dr Rhys Jones (on right) present Old Hall Garden volunteer Richard Browning, with the Green Flag award.

THE Cowbridge Charter Trust was pleased to receive the Green Flag Community Award, the international mark of a quality park or green space, for Old Hall Gardens at a recent ceremony held in Barry Island.

On a sunny but breezy afternoon, everyone moved outside for a group photo around one of the colourful flower beds. This was followed by Coun Fred Johnson and Dr Rhys Jones raising the flag awarded to Barry Island and Friar's Point.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Green Flag Award scheme, which is delivered in Wales by Keep Wales Tidy with support from the Welsh Government.

It is judged by green space experts, who volunteer their time to visit applicant sites and assess them against eight strict criteria, including horticultural standards, cleanliness, sustainability and community involvement.

Lucy Prisk, Green Flag coordinator at Keep Wales Tidy said: "Our parks and green spaces play an important role in our communities, but their benefits are often taken for granted.

"As well as providing havens for wildlife, having accessible, high quality green space can have a big impact on our health and well-being, and the local economy.

"The success of community sites is due to the commitment and dedication of local volunteers and it is thanks to them that we have so many fantastic facilities available on our doorstep. I'd like to congratulate all our winners and thank everyone who is involved in raising the standard of our green spaces."

Comments from the report by the judges included: *"It is an amazing garden with so many different areas and features, with many distinct natural areas within the garden.*

"There is a fernery, wildflower meadow, wisteria walk, pond with fish and more with excellent opportunities for events, photography and educational visits.

"A lovely and informative nature trail has been developed with a nature trail leaflet available in the library as a fantastic tool for families to use to explore the gardens. The interpretation boards are well designed and informative."

Biodiversity and wildlife conservation were praised as at the heart of the gardens:

"The walls that have been rebuilt have nooks and crannies for wildlife to live. Ivy towers have been created to replace the ivy which was removed when the town walls were restored by the trust. Any dead trees have also been converted to ivy towers.

"There are unmown areas in all the parts of the garden which are divided by metal trellis which protects the wilder areas from visitors and mowers. The planting scheme plans are also built around the encouragement of wildlife and pollinators into the areas."

The judges noted the excellent levels of maintenance of the gardens were evident from a team of highly skilled volunteers working hard to sustain and build on the work already completed:

"The sustainable use of composting of all plant material and stones used to create habitat piles for wildlife in cosy damp areas of the gardens with nothing taken from the site and all plant material recycled and reused was commended.

"The volunteers are knowledgeable and passionate about the gardens. They have developed and improved a very interesting and diverse garden. Old Hall Gardens is a very special place to visit and is a wonderful attraction for Cowbridge town."

Links to the wider community were observed, which included the volunteers working with the local Beaver Scouts on nature-related badges.

A story circle created with an award from Biffa in 2009 is a lovely area for groups to read and enjoy stories outside.

The garden is used by the annual Cowbridge food festival for displays, a craft fair and activities.

At Christmas, Churches Together organises a walking nativity in the gardens. The volunteers hold regular public events including a moth night.

A new 'dragon garden' is being created with the help of the local Beaver Scout group as the latest project of volunteers.

It was the opinion and the conclusion of the judges that the Old Hall Gardens was a welcoming place with excellent access with clearly defined pathways in keeping with the nature of the site. Access is good for buggies and wheelchairs for the majority of the site.

The garden is a lovely place to be and feels secure, conveniently close to the High Street:

"The gardens are a perfect addition for the town and the people of Cowbridge. The gardens are a hidden gem of calm and peace in a busy world."

The only criticism from the report was the lack of signage for the garden and directional signs from the street for visitors.

The Cowbridge Charter Trust is extremely proud to earn the right to fly the Green Flag in the Old Hall Gardens in recognition of the excellent facilities and great quality green space.

I speak for all the trustees when I say that we are in total admiration of the expertise, dedication, the time and the work that the volunteers put into the gardens and they deserve this Green Flag award and their report fully supports our opinion.

I would also like to thank the Vale Council and Creative Rural Communities for their help as the project has progressed."

The full report can be downloaded from our website: www.cctrust.co.uk/awards.php. Look in to the www.oldhallgardens.org website for much more information and photos of the gardens.

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Bowled over by friendship

WHO said bowls was a serious sport? Well it might be in some cases but not when it is played by members of the Cowbridge Friendship Club – especially the armchair kind!

Once the two teams had been selected, it was down to business and yet again we had complaints that the floor wasn't straight...

In some cases, there were some heated comments – with one or two members shown the yellow card – and the possibility of being shown one or two red ones, as well!

It was, however, a very enjoyable afternoon with plenty of fun and laughter with each team not only supporting their own members, but also the opposition as well.

At one time, it looked as if the blue team was well out of the race, but it managed to bring the score to level pegging and then went on to win by 12 points to 8.

All members by this time were looking forward to a cup of tea and sandwiches and cakes.

If you, or anyone you know, would like to learn more about the Friendship Club, please call 01656 668446 ,or come along to one of our meetings.

These are held on the last Thursday of the month at Llanblethian Church Hall.

Next month, members will be entertained by Abigail Kenvyn, who will be giving a talk on the history of the Royal Mint.

Pat Smith

Group hits the big 40

PONTYCLUN'S 'Thursday Group' recently celebrated its 40th anniversary with a dinner in the Ivor Arms.

The event was attended by 38 ladies, including some founder members.

The tables were decorated in red to represent the ruby anniversary and a special cake was baked and iced by Sylvia Russell.

The 'Thursday Group' meets in St Paul's Church hall throughout the year.

Members enjoy 'quiet evenings', talks by guest speakers, occasional concerts, prize bingo sessions, theatre and coach trips.

It is a non-profit making organisation, with any money raised being donated to various charities.

New members are always welcome. ***JG***

Memorial match for legend Lyn at rugby club

by GEM REPORTER

A 'Lyn Dolman memorial rugby match' will take place at Llantwit Major RFC this Sunday, August 7 (kick off 2pm).

Lyn, who died last October, aged 52, after a 10-month battle with cancer, was well known and popular in local sporting circles.

He spent his early childhood in St Athan, before moving to Llantwit, attending the comprehensive school and joining the rugby club, where he played at all levels, as well as coaching.

"Anyone meeting Lyn for the first time found him charming, funny and generous," a spokesman said

"Lyn was a legend at the club and is sadly missed. There will also be a barbecue, entertainment and a DJ until late."

The memorial match will feature Llantwit Major Veterans against Bridgend Athletic Veterans and proceeds from the day will go to Cancer UK.

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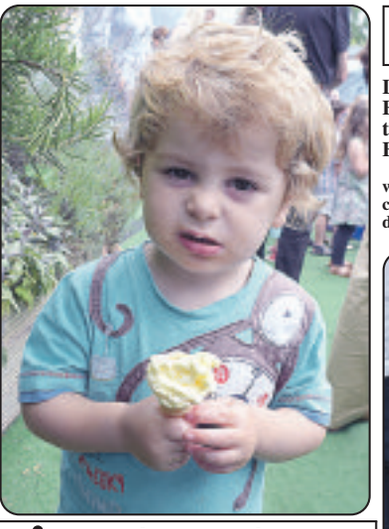
It's 'graduation day' as nursery's little ones look forward to primary school



PHOTOGRAPHS by MIKE WILCOCK

LAST Saturday, July 30, Fun Foundations in Cowbridge held a fun day to raise money for the Worldwide Cancer Fund.

Also, as a special treat for the children who were moving on to primary school, a graduation ceremony was held, so that the little ones could don their mortar boards and gowns.

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Travellers aim to stay

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Mr Driscoll continued: "They were advertising an exhibition of gypsy and traveller art a few weeks ago in the King Square Library, which is perfectly legitimate, but gives the impression to many people that their instincts on traveller trespass may not be as robust as necessary."

The Vale Council insisted they had taken swift action

A spokesman said: "The travellers were informed immediately that their occupation of the site was both unauthorised and inappropriate.

"Stalling Down is a popular spot for walkers and used by locals and visitors all year around, this is why the council is working to resolve the situation as soon as possible.

"However, there is a strict legal process that must be followed.

"Before any action can be taken the council is required to undertake a welfare assessment. This assessment was carried out last week by a council officer.

"After the assessment was completed, the group was issued with a deadline of Tuesday at 1pm by which to leave the site.

"No complaints have been received about the group's conduct. However, it remains the Vale Council's view that this is an unauthorised encampment that is causing disruption to the local community and one that is in no way appropriate."

Coun Neil Moore, Leader of the Vale Council, said: "Where gypsy and traveller groups do not vacate an unauthorised site of their own accord, there is a strict legal process that must be followed for the council to reclaim possession of the land.

"Council officers have acted swiftly and fairly and continue to work tirelessly to resolve this matter as quickly as possible.

"To compare this encampment with a very different situation in Cardiff is not helpful. To suggest that the legal action required to evict the group could have been taken any more quickly shows a gross, and perhaps wilful, misunderstanding of the legislation that covers gypsy and traveller groups and associated legal process."

COMMUNITY NEWS

TREOES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL

Your local correspondent is Nancy Davidge, "Tynewydd", Llangan. (01656) 860303

Saron Chapel

THE service which took place at Treoes on Sunday, July 31 was very well attended.

Unfortunately, local resident Miss Lorraine West, who had been invited to introduce the hymns and to take an active part in the service, became ill. The service was then conducted by the ever-popular Rev Philip Danya.

Non-existent travellers' site

IN reply to the letter from Mr Ken Jones in Readers' Letters in The GEM (July 29), my family have been associated with Llangan for more than 80 years, and until 20 years ago there were never any travellers in or near the area.

A site was made available for one family, costing many thousands of pounds, and with rules which had to be adhered to.

Some months ago, four more families took up occupancy on the site. There is certainly no more space for even one more mobile home.

Perhaps Mr Jones would like to offer refuge to travellers close to his home?

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Solving the mystery of a local woman?

AN innocent query on social media has sparked memories for hundreds of Bridgend county borough residents, and the woman who made the original post told The GEM that she was "amazed" at the response.

Karin Gray, who now lives in Pembrokeshire, but who grew up in the Kenfig Hill area, suddenly remembered a local character from her youth, and wondered if anybody knew any more about her.

On the Facebook page '*Memories of Pyle and Kenfig*' she posted: *"Remember the little old lady who used to sit on a bench on the way to Aberkenfig.*

She was always knitting and seemed to be there every time I went past. Around 1976ish?? Always wondered where she lived and why she went there every day.'

In only a few days, it attracted more than 130 comments, and when it was shared to another local history page '*Aberkenfig old and new*', a similar number responded.

Karin told The GEM about which strands were emerging from the conversation. She said: "We had people say that they remembered her being there in 1961, and others said that she was still there in the 1990s."

The bench in question is near The Fountain Public House, on the road from Aberkenfig to Cefn Cribwr.

Not surprisingly, as she was out there day after day in the sunshine, people remember her as being 'nut brown' in colour.

Others recalled that sometimes a car would stop, and someone would get out, present her with some wool and a pattern, and ask her if she could make it! Apparently she always obliged.

Karin said: "We have had a suggestion that she used to live in Park Road, which is nearby in Aberkenfig, so that makes sense.

"There was a suggestion that her son had died in an accident on the road, but we have nothing concrete to back that up."

She added that a few names had been suggested, but there was nothing authoritative yet.

It could be that some GEM readers who are not active on social media may be able to shed light on this. Please contact The GEM on gemeditorial@tindlenews.co.uk if you can help, or telephone Philip Irwin on 01446 774484.

GOODBYE TO FISHING, SWIMMING AND CAMPING AT RHOOSE POINT

NEW byelaws for Rhoose Point Lagoon enacted by the Vale Council came into force on July 29, 2016.

It means that "no person can fish, camp or bathe/swim at this location."

The council will enforce the new byelaws in a partnership arrangement with a professional security and enforcement company 3GS UK (Limited) and the police, a spokesman said.

Any breaches of the byelaws noticed by residents can be reported to the council via its contact centre (01446 700111).

Note: Further details of the new Byelaws can be found here: www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/our_council/council/minutes,_agendas_and_reports/reports/council/2016/16-07-20/New-Byelaws.

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Meet your rugby idols at Vale of Glamorgan Show

OIL 4 WALES will have Llanelli Scarlets rugby idols Ken Owens and Rob Evans at its Vale of Glamorgan Show stand on August 10 at Fonmon.

The family-run, leading oil distribution company's brand ambassadors will be available to meet fans and pose for photos.

Oil 4 Wales will be running a competition giving entrants the chance of winning two tickets to see a Welsh International rugby match, or two World Rally spectator passes for the Wales Rally GB or an invitation to join the Spencer Sport rally team on a test and demonstration day.

It will also be offering free refreshments to all customers, guests and friends.

Colin Owens, managing director of Oil 4 Wales, said: "We're looking forward to attending the Vale of Glamorgan Show as there's always a great atmosphere. We feel there is a great affinity between us, a truly Welsh independent company, and the agricultural shows which aim to showcase the best of Welsh produce.

"Hopefully the weather will be good and we'll get a great turnout."

Oil 4 Wales was set up in 2010 by Colin Owens, with the aim of creating a independent oil brand that focused on providing a good deal to the communities of Wales.

It now supplies over 60,000 customers in Wales with a range of fuel services to homes, businesses, commercial premises, agricultural and retail premises from its eight depots in Brecon, Cardiff, Blaenau Ffestiniog, Carmarthen, Felinfach, Milford Haven, Newtown and Shropshire.

HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR LYDIA

THE Master Mariner on Skomer Road, Barry, is hosting a special fundraiser this Saturday, August 6, to help a baby who needs urgent treatment in America.

The event starts at 3pm, goes on until late, and everyone is welcome to attend.

John, one of the organisers, said: "The money raised will go to the Lydia German Fund. Lydia, who is 10 months old and lives in Swansea, has Dandy-Walker Syndrome and hydrocephalus (neurological conditions). She needs life-saving treatment that is available in America."

Lydia has a lot of family in Barry and the organisers are hoping for a good response from local people.

John said: "We are going to have a barbecue, bouncy castle, lucky dip, cake stall, children's activities, a guitar duo, reggae artist, bingo, an auction and a raffle.

"Among the prizes are an M&S £70 voucher and a Cardiff City football."

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Olivia (20) crowdfunds to follow her musical dream

REPORT by PHILIP IRWIN

A 20-year-old local girl has started a crowd-funding appeal to help with the costs of going to drama school, after being accepted by a top London college.

Olivia Hopper lives in St Bride's Major and went to Cowbridge Comprehensive School, where she starred in a number of productions – but that is by no means the end of her CV.

Olivia was a regular with the acclaimed Bridgend Youth Theatre (BYT) and took lead roles in *Jekyll and Hyde – the Musical*, and played the renowned role of Maria in *West Side Story* earlier this year.

In Cowbridge, she first featured playing the young Cossette in *Les Miserables*, and moved on later in school to play the female lead of Joanna, in Stephen Sondheim's *Sweeney Todd*.That was a role she went on to play in Cardiff in the Everyman Theatre's prestigious open air show in the summer of 2015.

On her fundraising page, Olivia writes: "After a few years of auditioning for drama schools around the country, I have been lucky enough to gain a place on the musical theatre foundation course at Arts Educational School in London: "This particular course is not funded by the Government and there are no scholarships available, so I have to fund it myself.

"Due to the price of the course, I really had to consider whether it would even be possible to accept my place, but it has been my dream for so long, I couldn't possibly turn down the opportunity to start my drama school journey.

"It is extremely hard to put into words how important and beneficial this course will be for me, and any donations made will be very appreciated.

"It will mean the world. Even the smallest of donations will help me achieve my goals and live my dream!"

Full details of how to support Olivia, who has set a £500 target for the appeal, can be found on *https://www.gofundme.com/2d7fefnk*

When the BYT performed West Side Story earlier this year, The GEM's review had this to say:

"Olivia Hopper has a stunning soprano voice and her acting, particularly in the duet with Anita, 'A Boy Like That', was very strong."

It's not an easy task to make your mark in the highly-competitive world of drama, but vocally, Olivia has proved time and time again that she has the potential.

Olivia on stage as Maria

Olivia Hopper (second left) with fellow cast members of BYT's West Side Story.

BARBER SHOP'S 'COMMUNITY DEAL' IN MEMORY OF SOLDIER TOM

ABOVE, from left to right: apprentice Coni Dutton, and co-owners, Marvin Cordle and Jordan Tyrrell.

A new barber shop at 89 High Street, Barry, is offering free hair cuts for members of the Armed Forces, emergency service personnel and NHS staff, in memory of the young soldier Tom Sloman who died in the town recently.

Co-owner Marvin Cordle explained: "We wanted to do something in memory of Tom who was a lovely guy, had lots of friends and loved his rugby.

"Tom was the cousin of Lee Szuchnik who owns the building we are in. We wanted to pay tribute to Tom and at first thought about doing something for the military or Welsh Guards, but other people have already done that.We decided to expand it to others who help the community and included the emergency services and NHS staff."

The shop, which is located on the corner of High Street and Island Road, does cuts for men and women.

Fellow owner Jordan Tyrrell added: "There is no catch, there are free hair cuts until Saturday, August 6 – all someone has to do is bring along their I.D. card."

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'AVAST THERE, ME HEARTIES, PIRATES FORE AND AFT IN TOWN SEA FESTIVAL!'

Report and photographs by
KEITH E MORGAN

IT was another sunny day for Porthcawl's Sea Festival last Saturday (July 30), the theme for this year being 'Pirates' and, by gosh, there were plenty of them.

They must have landed early in the morning on the big pink pirate ship moored at Cosy Corner, and then made their way along the promenade to the Grand Pavilion.

It was on the promenade that the mayor of Porthcawl, Coun Robert Lee, mustered his young pirates on parade for inspection and awards to the best dressed.

First prize of a treasure chest of goodies went to young Bethan from Kenfig Hill. Second prize went to buccaneer Oliver and parrot Polly from Porthcawl.

The third prize, and the last of Porthcawl Town Council's treasure chests, went to a very smartly turned out privateer named Olivia.

All the runner-up would-be pirates were allowed to dip their hands into the council's tin of chocolate Euros and take their fill.

LEFT:
Tom Jones' lady pirates from Pontypridd.

BELOW:
Pirate Mary and some potential pirate prize winners.

ABOVE; Joining in the fun on John Street.

ABOVE: Robbie Owen and the Caribbean tin band.

Dipping bridge link to missing Chepstow man

POLICE looking for Eddie Wise, who was reported missing two weeks ago from Chepstow, are focusing their search in Ogmore-by-Sea after his car was found in the area.

Mr Wise's blue Nissan Note was discovered by police parked near the dipping bridge in Merthyr Mawr.

The car was found on Sunday, July 31, two weeks after he went missing from his home near Chepstow on July 18.

He is described as white, six foot tall, of a large build, with short, dark brown hair and a beard.

He likes walking and police are appealing for anybody who has been in the area who may have seen Eddie Wise to make contact.

Mr Eddie Wise is missing in the Bridgend area.

Posters are being put up in Merthyr Mawr to target those who regularly use the popular walking area.

*Anyone who may have seen him is urged to contact South Wales Police via 101 quoting reference *289270 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.*

Dipping Bridge rescue after torrential rain

THE road to Merthyr Mawr, Bridgend was closed on Tuesday, August 2, after flood waters trapped a minibus near the Dipping Bridge in the early hours.

Fire crews rescued five people from flood water using water equipment, after receiving a call from the Dipping Bridge just before 4am

It was reported that the minibus was on its way to Cardiff Airport.

Local council to review safety of A48 after recent tragic accident

BRIDGEND AM Carwyn Jones has welcomed the news that Bridgend County Borough Council's (BCBC) highway authority will be commissioning an independent road safety investigation of the A48.

Mr Jones said that he has received many representations from constituents and local councillors regarding the safety of pedestrians on the A48 following the recent tragic accident at the junction of Merthyr Mawr Road on the A48.

In the light of that accident, when Rhys Rubery, 16, died, a Facebook group, 'A48 Make It Safe' has mounted a campaign.

Mr Jones said that he was told by BCBC that the investigation will take into account factors such as traffic movements, speed of vehicles, pedestrian movements and other concerns which have been raised with the council.

The report will provide recommendations for any remedial work where appropriate.

Mr Jones said: "This action is certainly a step in the right direction. I will be monitoring this carefully and in particular, the report's recommendations.

"It is important that this report is concluded as quickly as possible to assess all the options to make the road safer after this tragic accident.

"I have also discussed safety concerns with Chief Superintendent Stuart Parfitt. I understand that a police investigation is underway."

Busy Sunday for Porthcawl RNLI

SUNDAY, July 31 saw a busy afternoon for Porthcawl's RNLI lifeboat crews, which safely rescued three people who found themselves in danger in two separate incidents.

Just before 2pm, RNLI volunteers were called to rescue a kayaker that had capsized. He was in the water and unable to climb back on board his kayak off Ogmore by Sea.

An Atlantic 85 lifeboat, *Rose of the Shires*, was on scene within 15 minutes of the initial alert and rescued the kayaker, who had been swept eastwards towards rocks at Ogmore Deeps.

The lifeboat crew was directed to the casualty by members of the public pointing from the rocks above.

Too close to rocks for the lifeboat to get alongside, a crew member went over the side of the vessel and swam to the casualty with a line. Both were pulled back aboard the lifeboat, as was the kayak.

The casualty was taken back to Porthcawl and checked over, but no further medical assistance was required.

Coastguards paged Porthcawl crew for a second time shortly before 5.30pm to two people cut off by the tide, east of the RNLI station, near Witches Point at Southerndown.

Two lifeboats were launched and the casualties were rescued by the D Class vessel.

The casualties were transferred to the larger Atlantic 85 lifeboat and brought safely ashore at Porthcawl lifeboat station.

Lifeboat operations manager at Porthcawl, Philip Missen, said: "This afternoon proved yet again the value of our lifeboat service and the dedication of our crews.

"At this time of year, we get people cut off by the tide along our coast, especially east of Porthcawl.

"I would like to re-emphasise the importance of checking tide times before venturing along some our beautiful coast.

"I would like to say how important it is for all watercraft users to have some form of buoyancy aid and a means for calling for help should the need arise."

ABOVE: Punch and Judy man Mr T Ricks.

ABOVE: Thai food tent with Three Little Maids Pim Morgan, Weaw Kimpton and Yuay Gould from Little Thailand in South Cornelly.

VALE MAYOR RAISED £5,436 FOR BARRY DOCK LIFEBOAT

RNLI volunteer crew and fundraisers are pictured with the PA to the Vale Mayor, Julie Brown and Coun Fred Johnson (holding up the cheque).

BARRY Dock lifeboat station, which has operated an all-weather lifeboat for over 100 years, has been honoured with 14 awards for gallantry.

Coun Fred Johnson, who raised funds for the lifeboat during his Vale Mayoral year, has now presented the RNLI crew and fundraising committee with a cheque for £5,436.52.

Stuart McMillan, chair of Barry Dock lifeboat, who presented Coun Johnson with a certificate and shield to say thank you for his sterling efforts, said: " We are absolutely thrilled to receive much-needed funds, and please receive this as a true measure of our appreciation for all you have done."

Coun Johnson, who said he was "surprised and delighted", added: "I am very proud to be a supporter of the Barry Dock lifeboat, and would like to thank everyone who has helped me to raise these funds – and we will, of course, continue to do so."

Coastline attracts 70 Torfaen walkers

FOR a number of years, Valeways has led coastal walks for land-locked Torfaen walkers.

On Friday, July 22, 68 walkers and four Valeways walk leaders met at Cosmeston where yet again, Valeways' new honorary president, Derek Brockway, had arranged beautiful weather!

The large group headed to the Wildlife Trust's Lavernock Nature Reserve, somewhat to the surprise of the volunteers working there.

Walkers were treated to a fine display of flowers and butterflies before reaching the coast, with its historical interest of Marconi's radio transmission and the World War Two gun and searchlight emplacements.

The work the Wildlife Trust has undertaken to improve the area was much appreciated.

The walk then followed the coast to Penarth, where those wishing to undertake a longer walk continued through the parks, with another spectacular wild flower display, to Penarth Head.

All were reunited at Penarth Pier for their journey home.

The group were very sociable and Valeways hope to make a return visit to Blaenavon later in the year.

Rebecca Exley
(Valeways volunteer coordinator)

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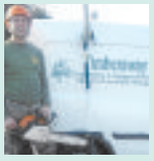
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VALE MP's VIEWPOINT

3G pitch news is a wonderful boost for Vale

Welsh Secretary
ALUN CAIRNS
reports to GEM readers

ON Monday evening, I turned up to Pencoetre Park in Gibbonsdown to support Doorstep Barry's free multi-sport session for local youngsters. Unfortunately, it couldn't go ahead due to this week's irritating summer downpours.

Although it is unusual for a sport session to be called off in August due to heavy downpours, it is a constant problem during the wetter months when the football and rugby leagues are in full-swing. Weather stopping play and training, is an all too common conversation I have with parents as part of my constituency work.

Having consistently called for an expansion in the number of all-weather, third and fourth generation (3G and 4G) sports pitches in the Vale to combat this problem, I am delighted at news this month that six new 3G training pitches are to be built at the Colcot Sport Centre.

The Vale Council deserve praise for taking this issue seriously and listening to those involved in local sport.

I arranged a large public meeting last year so that coaches, parents and players could put their views across on the need for more all-weather playing surfaces and I am very glad that their message has got through to the local authority. Coun Gwyn John deserves particular credit for his actions in taking this forward.

Community sport is a real passion of mine and I am keen to get more young people involved. It teaches children discipline, the benefits of teamwork and puts youthful energy to good use.

The GEM has reported my interest in this area for a number of years about whether the facilities available match the ambition of young players.

Barry, as Wales' largest town, has a role to play in contributing the stars for the future of our now top-tier footballing nation. The new facilities increase the chances of Barry's own Joe Allens and Aaron Ramseys emerging from our squads of determined youngsters.

The ethos of local clubs throughout the Vale, led by volunteers who work hard behind the scenes and on the pitch, is a positive force in the lives of many.

These clubs bind our communities together and must be enabled to continue their good work.

Despite the positive impact of the new pitches for all-weather training, weather problems remain, which threaten the future of local football clubs.

Cancelled fixtures on full-sized grass pitches weekend after weekend, are hugely disruptive to the management of teams and can lead to some players losing interest.

Over the coming months, I will be calling for a review of the maintenance and cancellation policy at local playing fields and exploring options to push for further all-weather facilities.

Iron Age farmstead is now open at St Fagan's

BRYN Eryr, the Iron Age farmstead at St Fagan's National History Museum, is now fully open to the public.

The building, which is based on an archaeological site from the time of the Roman conquest, is a recreation of a small Iron Age farmstead near Llansadwrn in the eastern corner of Anglesey.

This rural settlement consists of two roundhouses built with six-foot thick clay walls and large conical thatched roofs.

The farmstead was assembled with the help of hundreds of volunteers, school children and members of neighbouring communities in Ely and Caerau.

Together with the museum's own building team, they raised up the clay walls, helped to interpret the history of the houses and rediscovered the lives of its original inhabitants.

Escorted school groups have been visiting Bryn Eryr for the past year but now the public will have access to the site following the completion of construction work on the main woodland path.

St Fagan's National History Museum is undergoing the biggest redevelopment project in its history. It has been made possible thanks to funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF), the Welsh Governmen, and other supporters.

St Fagan's was awarded the largest grant ever given by the HLF in Wales in 2012 to help tell the stories of life in Wales over 200,000 years and more.

Dog-friendly pilot scheme leads the way in the Vale

CREATIVE Rural Communities (CRC), the Vale Council's 'rural regeneration initiative', has launched its 'dog-friendly' pilot in Cowbridge and is geared towards accommodation, attractions and shops and those involved with land management.

Stephen Jenkinson – an expert in dog-friendly tourism – led the workshop, raising awareness of the opportunities, challenges, options and limitations of being a dog-friendly tourist attraction.

Minimising the 'negative impacts' on other people, farm animals and wildlife, was also discussed, as well as the economic, social and health benefits derived from responsible dog ownership.

The pilot aims to look at the pros and cons of being dog-friendly in the Vale of Glamorgan. By learning from other examples across the UK, the Vale of Glamorgan hopes to define what being dog-friendly actually means, what dog-friendly accommodation looks like, and what the Vale has to offer tourists that visit with their dogs.

During the pilot, CRC also wants to learn if dog-friendly tourism is good for business across the Vale, and if it can successfully manage any negative impacts dogs have on the countryside.

The next phase in the pilot comes between October 2016 and January 2017 – which coincides with the lifting of the dog beach ban – where a number of factors identified in the workshops will be introduced for local businesses to trial.

The Vale hopes to see plenty of overnight and day tourists visit in the winter months.

DINAS POWYS COUPLE CELEBRATE THEIR 70TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

David and Betty at their celebration event held in Dinas Powys.

David and Betty Chapman were married at Curzon Street Chapel, Derby in 1946.

A DINAS POWYS couple celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary with a get-together of family and friends at Hebron Hall.

David and Betty Chapman, who live at Bethel House Residential Home in the village, met on the slopes of Snowdonia in 1942.

David explained: "I was living in Croydon and a bomb landed in our back garden damaging the house. A church leader advised me to take a break and I went to north Wales.

"I stayed at a guest house at Llanfairfechan. A couple sitting on the same table as me said they were planning to climb Snowdon and I asked if I could go with them.

"At breakfast, the next morning, they said somebody else was coming, and pointed to Betty. It turned out to be a blind date climbing Snowdon!"

Betty was a district midwife from Derbyshire. She and David were married at Curzon Street Chapel in Derby four years later on July 19, 1946.

On July 23, 2016, friends and family travelled from west Wales, Scotland, Gloucester, Yorkshire, Suffolk and Hertfordshire, to enjoy the 70th celebration with them.

Their close friend over many years, Rev Ken Iveson, paid tribute to them, explaining how their Christian faith had sustained them throughout their marriage.

Hannah and Saskia go for gold in Rio

THE Olympic Games officially opens in Rio de Janeiro tomorrow, Friday, August 5, and local people will be keeping an eye out for Hannah Mills who learned to sail off the Vale coast. Hannah, from Cardiff, competes in the 470 class with Saskia Clark from Weymouth. Four years ago (see image above) they won silver medals in the London Olympics – this August, they are hoping to go one better and bring back gold.

Rhws pupils enjoy the Aberthaw big bug hunt

AS part of the Wales Biodiversity Week, Rhws Primary School visited Aberthaw Power Station to learn about the coast and its many habitats and creatures.

Sixty year-3 pupils began their day with a nature walk through East Aberthaw Nature Reserve. The area hosts a number of guided walks throughout the summer. The team then led the pupils on a 'big bug hunt' identifying butterflies and beetles as well as birds and plants, before heading to the Aberthaw Centre for energy and the environment.

The school children were split up into groups and took part in a range of nature activities, including moth handling, learning about bees, coastal care, 'iSpy' from the viewing platform and flower fun on the grass.

The Wildlife Trust set a moth trap the night before the visit, this enabled the children to see the moths at close quarters and learn about the diversity of species, unique habitat and habits.

Local beekeepers Harold and Barbara Williams provided their expertise and demonstrated how a successful hive operates, how honey is produced and how to encourage bees to gardens.

Tim Wort from Keep Wales Tidy, which helped support the day along with the Wildlife Trust, talked about the local coastal animals and the importance of keeping beaches clean. Pupils were then asked to use their creativity and use litter to make a picture about plastic and waste in our oceans.

Amy Lavisher, environmental engineer and organiser of the event, led the iSpy activity using binoculars and telescopes to check weather conditions, count the fishermen and look at passing vessels from the viewing platform on the roof of the building.

Amy commented: "It was a really busy, fun-filled day. The pupils have been studying habitats as part of their curriculum so it was fantastic to be able to show them different areas of the nature reserve – woodland, grassland, lagoon, coastal, sand dunes and shore. We would like to thank The Wildlife Trust and Keep Wales Tidy who ran some of the activities and were able to give the pupils a diverse range of activities."

The Wildlife Trust and Aberthaw Power Station are hosting a special summer holiday bug hunt on Monday, August 15 at 6pm, meeting at the bottom of Well Road, East Aberthaw.

As well as learning all about East Aberthaw's nature reserve and its biodiversity, children can take part in a creepy-crawly challenge. It is free and suitable for everyone, so bring all the family.

World of Roald Dahl

ON Saturday, August 6 the Paget Rooms in Penarth will be transformed into a magical world inspired by the work of Roald Dahl.

Throughout the day there will be film screenings, storytelling, print-making and some surprises!

The event runs from 1pm – 7.30pm and tickets are £2.50 (plus 50p booking fee, online). Films include *Fantastic Mr Fox*, *Willy Wonka* and *Matilda*.

The event, planned by Penarth Town Council, is supported by Film Hub Wales and the Vale Council.

Teachers put to the test to help Gurkhas

PENCOED Comprehensive teachers Ian Poley and Mark Avaient are appealing for sponsorship for a gruelling fundraising event in aid of the Gurkha Welfare Trust.

Born and raised in Brecon, Ian has always had links with the Gurkha regiment based in the town, and is now going all-out to promote the trust, which provides financial, medical and development aid to Gurkha veterans, their families and communities.

Colleague Mark Avaient agreed to run with Ian and assist with fundraising.

They will put their fitness levels to the test by attempting the Rat Race Man Versus Mountain Challenge. The adventure starts at sea level in Caernarfon Castle, scaling the heights of Mount Snowdon then descending into Dinorwic quarry before finishing in Llanberis. The route is 22 miles long and climbs 5,050 feet with an average finishing time of five hours and 55 minutes.

Ian explained: "The Gurkha Welfare Trust provides financial, medical and development aid to Gurkha veterans, their families and communities. Veterans who didn't serve for the 15 years required of other members of the British Army in order to receive a pension. The trust works in the UK and, more importantly, in Nepal to support the Gurkhas."

Donations can be made by either texting MMIP99 £1 (change the amount to donate more) to 70070 or by going to the JustGiving page, www.justgiving.com/Ian-Poley.

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LIVES ARE IN DANGER...

'Keep off the railway line' trespassers are warned

BRITISH Transport police have issued an urgent warning to young people, following a 19 per cent rise in reports of trespass over the summer.

Along with Network Rail they are urging parents to warn their children of the dangers of playing on the tracks.

"Over the past 10 years, almost 170 young people in the UK have lost their lives after trespassing on the railway.

"The data shows that just under half of those killed are under the age of 25," said Tracey Young, community safety manager for Network Rail Wales.

"We are urging parents to remind their children that if they are on the railway, they are on dangerous ground.

It may seem like a good idea to take a shortcut, or like fun to play on the tracks, but this is not only illegal, it is also dangerous.

Officers from British Transport Police are stepping up patrols across the region, said Inspector Mike Edwards: "The last thing our officers want to do is knock on someone's door to tell a parent their child has been killed or seriously injured as a result of trespassing.

"We're doing all we can to keep young people safe by patrolling areas where we know they're likely to trespass and prevent them from doing so.

"However, we cover thousands of miles of track and we cannot tackle this issue alone.

"That is why we are urging parents and young people to heed this warning and take a reality check when it comes to trespass.

"It's not a game: they are real tracks, with real trains and real life consequences."

To find out how to keep your children safe on the railway this summer, visit www.networkrail.co.uk/safety-education/information-for-parents/.

YEHUDI MENUHIN STUDENT BEN STUNS AUDIENCE WITH CELLO PERFORMANCE

RIGHT: The choir with Ben Tarlton.

THE recent annual concert of the Barry Male Voice Choir was "undoubtedly a flagship event," *reports choir secretary, Richard King*.

The choir – ever increasing in number and quality – and cello soloist Ben Tarlton provided a thrilling evening of memorable music.

Former Yehudi Menuhin student Ben, now studying at the Guildhall School of Music and recently returned from recitals in Europe and the USA, was delighted to add Barry to his list of prestigious venues.

A capacity spellbound audience was hushed by Ben's virtuoso performances, accompanied by his mother, Sally.

A performance of the choir favourite 'Tangnefeddwyr' (The Peacemakers'), performed by permission of composer Eric Jones, was memorable.

The cello arrangement, composed by Ben and his parents, brought a new dimension to the evening. Dramatic and tender voices and cello evoked the passion and emotion of the story of the bombing of Swansea in 1941.

Three Welsh hymns provided a fitting emotional ending to a varied concert programme.

Mr King added: "Barry Male Voice Choir is moving onwards and upwards. New challenges lie ahead. The choir remains indebted to its talented and inspirational music team of musical director Dorothy Connell and accompanists Emma Arscott and Sally Tarlton."

Further news of the choir can be found on its website and new members are always welcome.

Roald Dahl 'Golden Ticket' hidden at the Vale Resort!

RIGHT: Stephanie Metson, marketing manager, and right, Molly Mann, e-commerce executive.

THE Vale Hotel Resort at Hensol, is giving young guests the chance to find a Golden Ticket and join in the celebrations marking the centenary of Roald Dahl's birth.

During the summer, each child on a family break at the resort will receive a Roald Dahl goody bag, which will include one of the author's books and a pack filled with quizzes, games and activities as part of its 'Big Friendly Getaway'.

A Golden Ticket will be hidden inside two of the books and the lucky children will win a £50 Odeon cinema voucher to see the new Steven Spielberg adaptation of Roald Dahl's *The BFG* with their families.

The resort will also be running a drawing competition, asking children staying as guests to invent the best chocolate bar, with the winner getting a collection of 15 Roald Dahl books.

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New book will honour local hero who died on Dam Busters' raid

LEFT: John Heideman, Belinda Brown and Barri Hurford-Jones outside the house in Castleland Street, Barry.

THE only Vale of Glamorgan man to take part in 'Operation Chastise', the famous Dam Busters raid over Germany, was Sergeant Gordon Yeo from Barry.

Front gunner in Lancaster AJ-A Apple, he was in the first wave of bombers to attack the Möhne Dam on the night of May 16, 1943.

They dropped their 'bouncing bomb' from low level and scored a direct hit. Shortly afterwards, the first of the three dams gave way and vast quantities of water flooded the Ruhr valley to make a severe dent in the German war effort. The raid was declared to be a strategic success.

But the cost in terms of human life was enormous. After successfully crossing Germany en route for home, AJ-A Apple was shot down by one of the last anti-aircraft batteries located on the coast of Holland. It was one of the eight that failed to return, resulting in the loss of 56 lives.

John Heideman, a Dutchman living in Castricum, asked for assistance with a book recording details of the event. Although no longer living in Barry, I was able to supply some background and had the honour of being taken by him to the crash site (a sandbank near the beach at Castricum) and to the cemetery at Bergen, where all members of the crew are buried.

Later that same day, my wife and I gave a talk to sixth-form students at a local college, highlighting this enormous contribution to the British war effort at the time.

Now in the late stages of producing his book, John Heideman visited Barry recently and spent some time at the former home in Castleland Street of the Yeo family. The present occupants, Mr and Mrs Atkins, were intrigued to learn that the house was the former home of Barry's only Dam Buster.

Also present were Mrs Belinda Brown, a relative of Gordon Yeo, together with her father, 92-year-old Fred Seal, who used to live next door to the Yeo family in Castleland Street.

Spending his war service as a bomb aimer on Liberator aeroplanes, he appreciated more than most what Sgt Gordon Yeo and the rest of the Dam Buster squadron had to go through to achieve their target aims.

BARRI HURFORD-JONES

A plea to help restore fountain pool at historic Dyffryn Gardens

DYFFRYN Gardens, a National Trust property, is fundraising throughout 2016 to restore its fountain pool.

The fountain has laid bare and empty for many years and following the success of its previous garden restoration project, Dyffryn has set its sights on restoring the fountain to its former glory.

Dyffryn Gardens estimates that this project will cost around £75,000, half of which is expected to come from public donations. The hope is that this target can be reached towards the end of 2016, enabling work to begin in 2017.

Chris Flynn, head gardener at Dyffryn, said: "The fountain should be a grand spectacle in the middle of the great lawn; instead, it is a disappointing concrete hole.

"From photographs we can tell that it had one tall fountain in the middle with smaller fountains around the outside.

"We aim to restore all of this and bring some of the grandeur back to the great lawn and we'd love the local community to get behind this project so we can conserve this amazing place for them for the future."

For more information on Dyffryn Gardens please visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/dyffryn-gardens.

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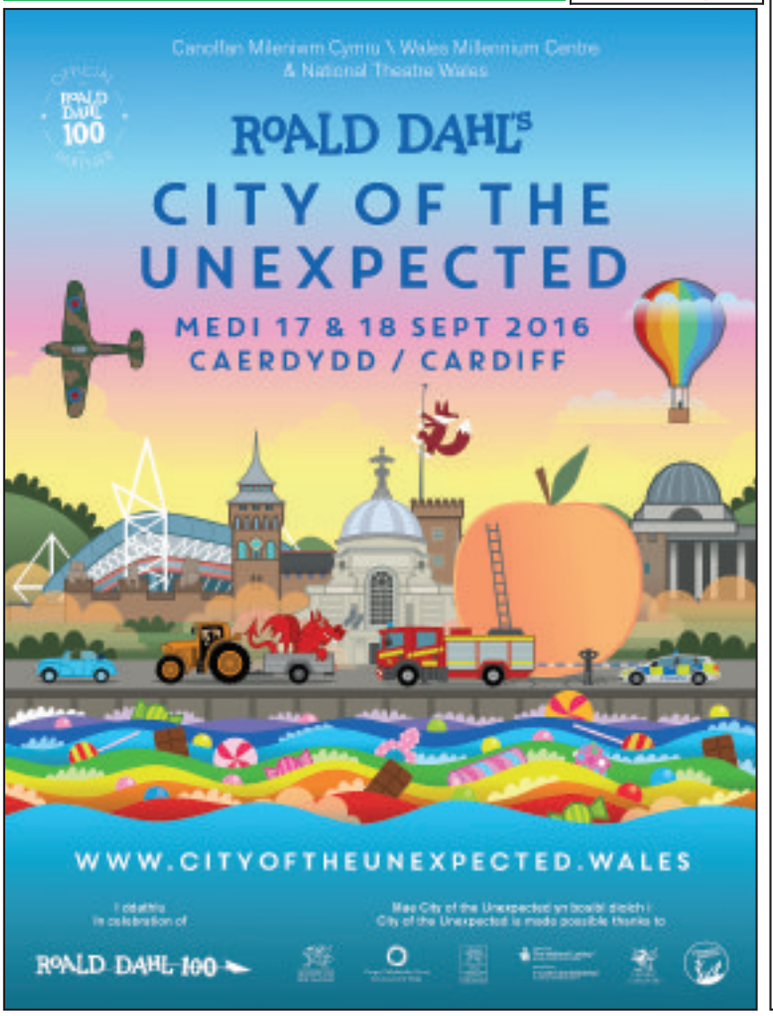

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Vale Council officers pay tribute to colleague who died in cycling accident

THE Managing Director and the Leader of the Vale Council have paid tribute to Jennifer Hill, the Director of Learning and Skills, who died in a cycling accident in France, in the Pyrenees at the weekend.

Rob Thomas, Managing Director, said: "I, like colleagues across the council, was shocked to hear the news of Jennifer's tragic death.

"Those of us who worked with Jennifer will remember her not only as being hugely talented, but also for being extremely committed to her role, and to improving the standard of education in the Vale.

"Jennifer's work was admired far beyond the Vale and her tragic death is a great loss to her profession.

"The greater loss is of course to Jennifer's family, friends and colleagues. Having worked closely with her for several years, I feel very fortunate to have been able to call Jennifer both a friend and colleague.

"Her compassion was unbreakable, in even the most testing of circumstances, and she will be deeply missed."

Jennifer's family issued the following short statement:

"Jennifer was a devoted mother and treasured wife. We are so proud of her dedication to her work and many achievements both in the Vale and earlier in her career.

"She strove for nothing less than the best, whether it was cycling, running, or tending our beautiful garden. Nothing can replace her."

Jennifer Hill, pictured at Buckingham Palace, when she accompanied a group of young people to a Duke of Edinburgh award presentation.

Mrs Hill, who had been responsible for schools across the Vale as well as the council's adult community learning service, youth service, and libraries, joined the council in 2012 and had overseen the county's best-ever exam results and seen the improvement of the council's education service praised by inspectors.

Coun Neil Moore, Leader of the Vale Council, said: "Jennifer was a public servant of great distinction. She was an incredibly able, professional, and compassionate director for this council and someone who truly epitomised the values of her profession.

"Jennifer's work has had a very real impact on the prospects of learners of all ages in the Vale. Her dedication to improving education was hugely respected both throughout the Vale and beyond.

"Jennifer's passing is an absolute tragedy and a huge loss to her family, friends and colleagues. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her and will leave a space that cannot be filled."

As well as her role with the Vale Council, Jennifer Hill was a key figure within the regional Central South Consortium Joint Education Service, of which she was lead director in 2013.

Jennifer joined the Vale Council in 2012, having previously worked as assistant director of the schools and children's services department for the London Borough of Enfield.

Hometown girl Llinos back on her TV sofa

FOR much-travelled TV presenter Llinos Lee there is no place like home – Barry in the Vale.

She is now back on the sofa of S4C magazine show *Heno* after a "hectic" summer.

Llinos, who lives with husband Huw and three-year-old son Guto Prys, in the seaside town said: "It has been an amazing summer for Wales; the football team especially has put Wales and the Welsh language on the map. The fact that global brands such as Coca Cola and Budweiser have put the language on their products shows how much the Football Association of Wales and the players have done to boost our country and culture.

"And I was lucky enough to welcome the football team back at Cardiff Airport and the winning cyclists at Paris' Champs-Élysées. What an experience!"

She is a familiar sight in the local community, raising money for local charities and involved in local events such as the music festival 'Glastonbarry' and Welsh society Afiaith.

Llinos Lee.

Primary school's performance receives praise

DINAS Powys Primary School was highly praised for its performance in its recent Estyn inspection.

The school's prospects for improvement were rated as excellent, the highest available. The report highlights many strengths of the school, including the provision of effective learning experiences, good teaching, an excellent learning environment and excellent leadership.

Headteacher Julie Thompson said: "We are absolutely overwhelmed to have received such a fantastic Estyn report. The school was only amalgamated in January 2015 and we have achieved so much in that time."

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Assembly target is one million Welsh speakers by 2050

AN ambitious new target to double the number of Welsh speakers to one million by 2050 was officially launched by the First Minister at the National Eisteddfod in Abergavenny on Monday (August 1).

The Assembly's consultation paper sets out plans to "*create a Wales which responds to the growing demand for Welsh-medium education, and increase the number of people learning and able to use the language with their families, in their communities and in the workplace*."

The proposals recognise the need for the Welsh Government to lead the conversation but also work in partnership with many other institutions and organisations towards making the Welsh language central to public life in Wales. The consultation runs until the end of October.

First Minister Carwyn Jones, AM for Bridgend, said: "We are a proudly bilingual nation. The Welsh Government has always recognised the significant contribution our language has made on our past, history and living culture, and will continue to do so:

"Since devolution, we have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to preserving and growing the language. In 2011 we introduced legislation to protect the future of the language, and we are confident the discussion we are launching today will continue to help us grow the language so it thrives as a vibrant, living part of our communities."

There was, however, a sceptical response from Conservative Welsh language spokesperson, Suzy Davies AM, who said: "Whilst Welsh Conservatives applaud any plans to boost the number of Welsh speakers, the devil will clearly be in the detail of these plans.

"In recent years, we've seen strategy after strategy launched by Welsh Ministers, and the Welsh Government must outline what is fundamentally different about these new plans, and how they will stimulate use of the language. The roadmap needs to be clear and instructive, with clear, transparent benchmarks in place, and an emphasis placed on the standard of Welsh speaking and not just the volume.

"The language faces a number of major challenges – including a lack of opportunities to converse in everyday settings. It is sustained action, not plush strategy launches, that we need if the Welsh Government is to meet this target."

The Minister for Lifelong Learning and Welsh Language, Alun Davies, said: "We want everyone to have the opportunity to learn through the medium of Welsh, both from early years right through to higher education, and that it will be seen as an integral part of our overall provision, and not something that is separate from it.

The consultation is on the Welsh Government website: gov.wales/consultations/welshlanguage/welsh-language-strategy-consultation/?lang=en.

Measles: 'MMR vaccine is vital'

PEOPLE are being reminded of the importance of the MMR vaccine after a fourth case of measles in Wales.

"Measles is a serious and highly contagious viral disease that can cause complications and can even prove fatal. In the last month, there have been four cases across Neath Port Talbot, Swansea, and Powys, one of which was hospitalised," said Dr Christopher Johnson, acting consultant in health protection for Public Health Wales.

"Two doses of the safe and effective MMR vaccine offers protection and anyone who hasn't had the vaccine is urged to get it free from their GP."

Mind in the Vale is chosen as 'charity of the year'

FOLLOWING an online and in-store customer vote, Sainsbury's Barry Park Crescent Local has announced that Mind in the Vale will be the store's new Local Charity of the Year for 2016 -2017.

Mind in the Vale works with people who experience mental distress to achieve and maintain a more fulfilling life and to play a full and equal part within the community.

To celebrate the announcement, a launch day will take place at the Barry Park Crescent Local Store on Friday, August 5.

Customers will get the chance to meet representatives from the charity and learn more about the work they do.

The store team will also be fundraising for the new charity by promoting second-hand books, CDs and DVDs – all donated by customers and colleagues.

Caroline Chapman, executive manager of Mind in the Vale, said: "We'd like to thank everyone who voted for us. Becoming a Sainsbury's Local Charity of the Year will make a huge difference to our charity.

"We're looking forward to the partnership."

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FINDING DORY IS A FILM TO LIKE.... BUT NOT LOVE

IT hardly seems like it, but it has been 13 years since Pixar released *Finding Nemo*.

In that time the studio has continued to create impressive films that have pleased both critical and commercial demands, yet its strike rate has been blunted somewhat by some misfires, most notably the likes of *Cars 2* and *Monsters University*.

The common denominator is that these films are sequels – so will *Finding Dory*, a follow-up to …*Nemo*, be able to buck that trend? The story centres around Dory (Ellen DeGeneres), the fish with a short-term memory problem who helped Marlin (Albert Brooks) find his son Nemo (Hayden Rolence) last time out.

This time, however, Dory is trying to find her long-lost parents, and with help from Nemo and Marlin, she sets out to find them; but when her search brings her to a marine life centre, the trio face an uphill struggle to reunite Dory with her parents...

There is an undeniable magic about anything that Pixar touches; from the Anglepoise lamp of its logo, to the shorts that feature prior to the main film itself, it has inarguably carved a niche in the cinematic landscape that many would love to emulate.

While its position is perhaps a little more shaky than, say five years ago, it are still putting out work that is, by and large, better than its competitors; in fact its greatest competition could arguably be themselves – and that's why *Finding Dory* is a film that is very easy to like, but not so easy to

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love, a film that entertains and delivers the requisite emotional punch, but one that doesn't really hit the highs you find in its most impressive output.

One of the flaws of *Finding Dory* is how closely it follows the plot of … *Nemo*; yes, the characters' roles have reversed but it's still a film that focuses on a journey where the end goal is to be reunited with a family member (or members in this case) while, on the way, meeting new characters to engage with.

While the characters are pleasing to revisit, the reversal of the dynamic doesn't really work; in the original, Marlin's jittery nervousness was the counterpoint to Dory's carefree attitude, but here, with Dory driving the story, it doesn't ring quite right.

Of course, there's enough vibrancy in both the returning characters and new ones to keep you entertained; Dory's irrepressible zest is given a dash of poignancy thanks to a wonderful prelude that hints at a sadness you didn't even realise was there, while the relationship between Dory and Marlin and Nemo has an emotional pull to it that, separating them for sections of the film, lands well.

Of the new additions, Ed O'Neil's Hank, a seven-tentacled octopus with a desire to get out of the marine life centre, shines, his cantankerous frustration at being inadvertently embroiled in Dory's plan creating humour, while Kaitlin Olson's Destiny (a near-sighted whale shark) and Ty Burrell's Bailey (a beluga whale with sonar issues) are also worthy additions to Pixar's list of strong characters.

Director Andrew Staton (who helmed … *Nemo* as well as *Wall-E*) gives the film a wonderful visual sense; as ever it's easy to stand back and marvel at the CGI trickery that makes this world almost photo-real, but dig beneath the technical achievement and there are moments of subtle intelligence, the way that the underwater world reflects our own or how an innocent child's petting area becomes something from a disaster movie when the perspective shifts from human to fish.

However, the greatest achievement of Stanton (and co-director Angus MacLane) is in bringing the humanity to the story, especially in dealing with the character of Dory. Her story is a metaphor for dealing with mental illness, played gently for its target audience but one that older viewers will latch onto immediately.

That it empowers the character is a wonderful theme, one that is prevalent elsewhere (Hank's missing tentacle doesn't affect him physically but there is a mental stress), and it's this that sees *Finding Dory* at its best; while the rest of it feels a touch over-familiar, there is still plenty to savour.

VERDICT: A Pixar to like rather than love, *Finding Dory* is the studio just failing to hit top gear. While still an intelligent and enthralling film, its reliance on narrative themes from the original means it just falls short of the high standards expected – which means it's still a pretty impressive film in its own right. Enjoyable.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Finding Nemo* (2003), *The Secret Life of Pets* (2016).

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Chinese take away south Wales' hospitality

SUPERSTARS in the Making Performing Arts Academy hosted its annual theatre camp in Barry last month.

It welcomed students from its Chinese branches to Barry to work with the local students of the training centre.

All students worked towards a special production of *Matilda the Musical*. Students from both countries performed side by side, learning from each other and having a great time.

One evening, some of the local students invited their Chinese counterparts to their Barry homes to cook them dinner and entertain them. This was a special chance to show global friends how we live here in south Wales.

This summer, more than 400 students will have taken part in Superstars in the Making's summer camps internationally. The academy was set up in Barry in 2009 by Christian Bullen.

Christian said: "I am delighted to keep this special link between China and south Wales alive.

"Many of our Chinese students wish to visit the Barry academy to learn from UK-based teachers and it brings a lot of interest and tourism to the town.

"May I say a warm 'thank you' to Barry YMCA, for being such a welcoming and supportive venue to work with. We are also experiencing overwhelming demand for our training in Barry, with applications closed until 2017."

Watch this space for many more projects and productions coming to Barry in the near future.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Memorial service

THE St Lawrence at Lavernock Trust invites friends to the former church in Fort Road, Lavernock on August 7 at 3pm for a service to remember the church's patron saint, the remarkable young third-century deacon and martyr, Saint Lawrence.

The preacher will be the Reverend Dawn Hellard, formerly team vicar in Cowbridge and the organist will be Anne Thomas. There is free parking to the left of Fort Road. Contact Rev Margaret Stark on 02920 701303.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT, ANDREW RT DAVIES AM

Welcome to the premier one-day show for all the family in Wales!

Vale Show president, Andrew RT Davies.

IT is a privilege and an honour to welcome you to the Vale of Glamorgan Show as the president for 2016.

Over the years, the Vale Show has provided many fond memories for my family and me, from its days at Penllyn to its magnificent home today at Fonmon Castle, and it has been fantastic to witness it develop into unquestionably the premier one-day show in Wales.

As a proud Vale farmer, it has been brilliant to see my children immerse themselves in the show, and the event succeeds in bringing together people and lifestyles from town and country, showcasing the very best of life in the Vale and beyond.

The show's success is built upon the outstanding dedication provided by the organisers, so ably led by the new director, John Hanks, and the excellent general secretary, Sarah Fenner.

Their hard work, combined with the immeasurable generosity of the team of volunteers and stewards, ensures the visiting public has so much to experience and enjoy on the day.

And the day is, of course, completed by the vast number of exhibitors and visitors. My thanks go to you for attending and playing your part in the show's success.

This year, there is more for visitors and families to see than ever before, with extra attractions including the countryside ring, Army climbing wall, Glamorgan Cricket interactive stand, the famous 'Quack Pack' and the new picnic and play zone, with a special visit scheduled from Peppa Pig!

There is a huge range of classes for horses, sheep, cattle, poultry and dogs with many exhibitors dedicating many hours in preparation to take part. Visitors will have a chance to see the prize-winning animals in the Grand Parade in the main ring at 3pm.

And best of luck to my daughters, Sarah and Sophie, who are showing in the home produce section!

There are also more than 200 trade stands selling a huge variety of goods and if you are looking for a bite to eat, the award-winning 'Vale Farmers' Market' food court comes highly recommended!

If you're interested in learning a little more about farming and agriculture in the Vale, please do visit the stand run by the 'Cows on Tour' team and the Young Farmers – where you can find out where your food comes from and lend your support to Welsh farming.

Agriculture and farming plays such a vitally important role in our local community and there is undoubtedly no better celebration of what it delivers than the Vale of Glamorgan Show.

All of this, of course, would not be possible without the support of the Vale of Glamorgan Council, South Wales Police, South Wales Fire and Rescue Service, the Army and RAF cadets, the YFC, British Red Cross and other regulatory bodies which allow the show to proceed safely and efficiently.

Special mention must also be paid to The Glamorgan GEM newspaper for the prominent role it plays in our local community, and on behalf of the show, I would like to express my gratitude to the paper for promoting our event in the run-up to thousands of readers across the Vale.

Once again, thank you to those attending and I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible – here's to another successful year and a thoroughly enjoyable day on the showground.

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Unrivalled Vale Show has a feast of entertainment

by LIZ SYNAN
Vale Show chairman

AS Chairman of the Vale of Glamorgan Show, I have great pleasure in endorsing a great family day out.

The show is unrivalled as the biggest, outdoor one-day event in the Vale that incorporates traditional features – such as horses, sheep, cattle, poultry and horticulture – and it's right here on our doorstep.

New to the show this year will be a countryside ring, which will keep you entertained throughout the afternoon and will feature some interactive activities for all the family. It will include a display by 'the Quack Pack', the 'Cows on Tour' team with Abi Reader (who won Wales Woman Farmer 2016 at the Royal Welsh Show), the Red Tractor and more.

In the horse showing classes, you can see a new competition for Shetland ponies, while also on four legs, the KC registered dog show promises to be an outstanding spectacle once again.

There are also many other areas to visit, including the Vale Farmers' Market food court, the horticultural marquee, the extended poultry show, the craft marquee and many varied craft stalls.

The main ring willentertain you with the Grand Parade, which shows the excellence of the farm livestock, followed by a parade by the Glamorgan Hunt hounds, the Stannage International Stunt Team and the Rockwood Animal Display team.

The entertainment will continue with a two-fence challenge show-jumping competition and to complete the action, the ever-popular hunt scurry will close the day.

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'Plenty of new attractions on offer'

THE SHOW SECRETARY LOOKS AHEAD

THIS year's Vale of Glamorgan Show on Wednesday, August 10, has a host of new attractions aimed at families visiting the show.

There is a new countryside ring that will offer a busy programme of entertainment, demonstrations and have-a-go activities during the afternoon.

We will start with Meirion Owen and his lively 'Quack Pack'. There will be a chance to join the team and see the Border Collies working up close, as they guide the Indian Runner Ducks around an obstacle course.

Next up in the countryside ring will be the 'Cows on Tour' team. Farming has a fantastic story to tell – so come and join Abi Reader, the Red Tractor and the farming float. You can join in, too! Try the 'Build a Farmer' challenge!

The South Wales Fire and Rescue Service (SWFRS) is joining us to demonstrate the rescue of a large animal in the arena. There are specialist crews who are trained to keep animals and firefighters safe in an emergency situation. SWFRS will showcase emergency vehicles and the equipment that it uses.

If you like to see machinery at work, there will be the chance to watch a demonstration of some farming kit during the afternoon. If you've ever wondered how those huge wrapped bales are made, then we will show you at the Vale. The countryside ring fun will climax with the Young Farmers' Challenge Competition. Find out which team is the toughest in our new contest and expect plenty of thrills and spills!

The main ring has plenty of attractions, too. There will be horse classes during the morning and later in the day there will be the ever-popular chance to meet the superb hounds of the Glamorgan Hunt when they parade for us.

The main ring entertainment follows the spectacular grand parade when you can see the best of the best as the winning cattle, sheep and horses come together in the main ring.

Later on, our main ring entertainment comes from the Stannage International Stunt Team which will be performing their amazing world record-holding stunts.

The Rockwood Animal Display Team will perform, and their act will include an exciting dog agility relay race.

To round off the day, there will be a two-bar showjumping competition and the fast and furious Hunt scurry.

Of the 200-plus trade stands on the show field, you will see some old favourites and some new faces. This year, we will have a new 'Army Zone' on the show fiel. Come and see some of the equipment and vehicles used by the British army, a weapons display – and, if you're feeling daring – you can take on the challenge of the army climbing tower.

Nearby, there will be a Glamorgan Cricket stand, where you can meet the players, practise your skills and have some cricket fun.

Your shopping opportunities are not limited to the trade stands, so don't miss the Cooke & Arkwright craft fair and the Likes 'Land Rover Shopping Mall' marquees.

You can buy anythin, from a cup cake to a new car, at the Vale Show!

At the show, we showcase the very best of farming in the Vale and beyond. It is well worth exploring the livestock paddock, where you can see the cattle and sheep up close.

Take the chance to chat to the exhibitors about their animals. They have spent a long time making the animals look their best and are rightly proud of them!

We had a fantastic day last year and we are all looking forward to this year's show. Wherever you are at the show, you will never be far away from a steward or committee member, who has been volunteering behind the scenes to put on a good day out for our visitors to the show.

The show relies entirely on the work of the team of volunteers, the support and sponsorship of local businesses, and the Vale Council, for which we are extremely grateful. We are delighted to have Nathaniel Cars of Bridgend as our main event sponsor again this year and we would like to thank Nathaniel Cars and the other businesses and people that support the Vale Show.

Come and join us on Wednesday of next week for the 2016 Vale Show – where you will find a very warm welcome awaits. Car parking is free on the site and the Vale Council supports the event by running buses from all over the Vale.

Further information can be found on the show web site www. valeofglamorganshow co.uk, on our Facebook page, or by email at vale.show@outlook.com

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Tweet us your Vale Show pictures - just use the hashtag #GEMValeShow!

Entries are flying in from all around for the Poultry Show!

THE Poultry Show at the Vale of Glamorgan Show has been an overwhelming success – and it is back and bigger than before.

Entries have flown in, with exhibitors flocking from Norfolk, Cheshire and many far-flung areas of Wales.

We are very pleased to welcome our judges, Marcus Walker, Simon McKean and Colin Mitchell to cast their experienced eyes over the entries.

They will travel from Yorkshire and Lancashire to judge this prestigious new poultry show, which is growing year on year.

Come and visit the poultry marquee at the show and see hundreds of birds, including classes for rare breeds.

There are 94 classes in the poultry show, including the weirdest egg, and a photographic competition for the best selfie taken with your chicken.

Craft fair

SHOW day on Wednesday, August 10 is almost here.

The Craft Fair marquee will open at 9.30am. There will be crafts of superb quality exhibited and for sale, *and all are entirely home-made*.

This is a very strict stipulation of eligibility to exhibit and helps to sustain the excellent reputation of the craft fair. It will be a good opportunity to buy a gift for an adult or a child with plenty of choice available.

As in other years, there will be the regular stallholders, as well as new exhibitors – the distance needed to travel to the Vale seems to be no problem.

On display will be some beautifully-turned woodwork, leather items, textiles, dainty jewellery, art and many more crafts – not forgetting the 'bee life' products from Cardigan.

Do come along and enjoy the atmosphere of this very special craft fair.

ANNE ARNOTT
Secretary/organiser

Horticulture

PLANS for the 2016 Horticultural Show are well under way and it's going to be as big and as exciting as last year!

Entries are already flooding in from all over the UK.

Come along and see some of the Vale's most beautiful flowers and scrumptious vegetables, and the children's section with some very creative designs.

Don't forget to see the 'Land Of The Giants' with 85lb cabbages and six-foot long marrows plus lots more.

You have to see it to believe it!

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So much to see at the Vale Show for the whole family!

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There is something for the whole family to get involved with – from the best runner beans to the best hanging basket and the tallest sunflower.

There are also new novice classes for beginners, as well as great classes for the children with the best miniature garden, draw and colour a picture on the theme of the Queen's 90th birthday, – plus lots more.

If you would like a schedule of all the classes, or to make an entry, please get in touch with Horticultural Secretary Gail Wintle, on 07976 935223.

We also look forward to welcoming a new addition, 'Hugly And Friends' to the Horticultural marquee this year.

The creators of Hugly and his vegetables are coming along to encourage children to re-engage with nature, by learning about the outdoors and the environment.

With the help of Hugly and Friends, children will learn about plants by growing and cooking their own food. The first book – *Hugly and The Missing Carrots* – comes with a packet of carrot seeds.

Carrots are an integral part of the story, and the book also features a carrot cake recipe for the whole family to cook.

Vale Farmers' food court

NOW in its third year, the Vale Farmers' Market food court goes from strength-to-strength, with this year 40 stalls selling the most fantastic range of Welsh produce.

The food court is the must-do destination on the show field, especially for families – because, as well as offering cooked food, drinks and a wide range of artisan produce to browse over and buy – there will be play activities delivered by the Vale play development team!

Ample seating – in the form of hay bales – will be available, so you can sit while the children enjoy the numerous activities including a sand pit, dinosaur pit and crafts.

This year, we are delighted that none other than Peppa Pig will be making appearances throughout the day.

She is really looking forward to meeting all the livestock at the show and playing with the children at the food court.

To whet your appetites, there will be pork rolls, lamb burgers, beef rolls, duck burgers, speciality sausages – as well as tea, coffee, elderflower cordial and ice cream.

Add to that, artisan cheeses, raw milk, charcuterie, preserves, local cider, hedgerow wines, cakes, brownies, flapjacks, chocolates, bread, veg boxes, loose tea, herb infused vinegars, oils, and poultry.

There will even be vegetarian options.

Everything is from Wales and the majority from within 50 miles of the show field.

We have ordered the sunshine, but if the weather is a little mixed there is a covered walkway in front of the stalls, and cover for children's play area.

Peppa Pig and all the producers are looking forward to welcoming you to the food court on show day.

Shearing

THE shearing competition made a triumphant return to the show last year.

Competition was fierce and the atmosphere was electric in the shearing marquee.

Make sure that you watch the shearing this year, where there will be four classes: the junior, intermediate, senior and open competition. The finale will be a Wales versus England test.

The top shearers from Wales and England will come together and shear over 900 lambs during the day.

The competition at the Vale Show is one of the highlights of the shearing calendar: join us in the marquee to be part of the experience.

Dogs

AFTER a very successful show last year – helped by the lovely sunny weather – we hope to build upon that achievement and increase our already excellent roster of exhibits this year.

Once again our judges are from all over the United Kingdom, though one of them is a Canadian man judging for the first time in the UK.

The committee of the dog section of the Vale Show looks forward to welcoming its exhibitors once again, as well as visitors, to the show, and is keen to answer any questions they may have about the world of dogs and dog showing.

The show is normally blessed with good weather and we have our fingers crossed that this will be the same this year. However, we have superb wet weather accommodation in the form of two very large marquees – if we need to use them!

The show always attracts exhibitors from far afield, and this year is no exception, with entries from Devon, Cornwall the Midlands, the north of England, and the south-east of England.

Judging of the dogs starts at 11am, but many exhibitors will be on the showground long before that time.

There is plenty of parking close to the dog section and the entrance can also be used as entry to the general show.

All officials at the Vale of Glamorgan Show look forward to your visit and will do all in their power to make your visit an enjoyable and memorable event, which we hope will encourage you to visit in the years to come.

PETER PASK
Secretary Dog Section, Vale of Glamorgan Show.

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would like to wish all their advertisers and readers an enjoyable day at the Vale Show.

Please visit our stand where we will be raising money for Marie Curie Hospice Cardiff and the Vale.

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Home produce and craft showpiece...

WHEN you are at the Show, you must come along and enjoy the skills of our local home produce and craft makers competing against each other.

Why not enter some of the competitions? Schedules of the classes are available online, at the show website, or can be obtained from our secretary, Mrs J Lewis, telephone 01443 225202.

A wide and varied schedule has been put together to attract as many competitors as possible.

We try to keep traditional classes, as well as being more adventurous with current trends.

The children's classes continue to thrive and these are a big attraction in our marquee.

There are classes for 7 years and under, 8-11 years and 12-16 years.

Each year, children from two primary schools are asked to enter a piece of written work and this year the entries are from Llanfair Primary School and Wick & Marcross Church in Wales School.

The Chairman's Plates will be awarded to the competitors gaining the most points in both the cookery and the craft sections.

Prizes are also awarded to all competitors in 1st, 2nd or 3rd place.

Awards will be presented at 5pm in the marquee by the president of the show, Mr Andrew RT Davies AM.

The Home Produce & Craft marquee is a showpiece for so many competitors, young and old and I'm sure you would agree there has been a revival of late in both cookery and craft skills.

So please come along and join us at the Show.

Once again this year, we are hoping for record entries.

KAY BOWRING
Chairperson

Rounding off the Show with a boogie and a beverage!

THE Vale Show dance will once again be held on the show field at Fonmon on August 10, by permission of Sir Brooke Boothby and family, along with the Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Society.

Hosted by Maendy Young Farmers Club, past and present members together with friends and supporters of the organisation are invited to round-off the show day with a boogie and a beverage!

The evening will feature DJ James Bramhall. Although all ages are invited, under-16s must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Maendy YFC chairman, Kate Thomas said: "We hope to build on the success of last year's dance on the showground and look forward to welcoming you at the event, which supports the local rural youth community."

Doors open at 8pm, with tickets priced at £5 before 9pm and £8 thereafter. For further information, contact Kate Thomas on 07701 081218 or email maendy.yfc@gmail.com.

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LEFT: Phil Vowles with his American visitors.

Telling the story of Phil's giant vegetables to Big Apple residents

PHIL VOWLES of Llanharry is well known in south Wales for his amazing giant vegetables – but now his fame has spread to New York City!

For Phil, it was business as usual as he prepared his giant marrows, cabbages and pumpkins for when they go on display at the Vale of Glamorgan Show on August 10 at Fonmon Castle.

In recent years, Phil's extraordinary vegetables have been a real crowd pleaser at the event – and no doubt will be again this year.

So, it was a big surprise recently when a film crew from *The Great Big Story,* produced by CNN Digital in New York City, visited Phil to capture the story of his giant vegetables.

The film crew, Beryl Shereshewsky and Eden Hall, were amazed when they visited Phil's garden and saw his produce for themselves.

They spent the day interviewing Phil and filming for The Great Big Story to take a little part of Wales back to the Big Apple!

Phil wrestles with a giant marrow.

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	2/Fonmon Road, Ffwl-y-mwn. Cau'r ffordd gerbydau tua'r gogledd i'r holl draffig o groesffyrdd Ffwl-y-mwn yng ngrid 304806 167180 i'r gyffordd yng ngrid 305056 167844 Nurston Road **Gwyriad** Caiff traffig tua'r gogledd ei ddargyfeirio ar gyfer Port Road i'r Blue Anchor, i'r gogledd drwy Burton Terrace a Phont Burton, ac yna tua'r dwyrain ar hyd y B4265.	6.00 am i 2.00 pm

Bydd Arwyddion i'r Gwyriad yn cael eu gosod
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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL
TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE ORDER, SECTION 16A
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
VALE OF GLAMORGAN SHOW
Wednesday 10th August 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Vale of Glamorgan Council have made an order under Section 16A Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as follows:-

WHEREAS during certain hours of the day and date specified in column 1 of Schedule 1 hereto the streets or part thereof listed in column 2 of the said schedule will be used for the holding of a relevant event as described in Section 16(A)(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the Council, pursuant to the powers conferred by Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 do HEREBY ORDER AND DIRECT in order to facilitate the holding of the event, enable members of the public to watch the said event and to reduce the disruption to traffic likely to be caused by the event the following regulation shall be observed:-

THAT, except as provided by the order, use, by all vehicular traffic, including pedal cycles but with the exception of Emergency Services Vehicles, of the said streets or parts thereof shall be restricted between the hours specified in column 3 of the said schedule.

The penalty for infringement of the said regulation is a fine not exceeding £1000.00.

SCHEDULE

COLUMN 1	COLUMN 2	COLUMN 3
Wednesday 10th August 2016	**1/Vale of Glamorgan Showground Main Access at Fonmon Castle grounds.** No right turn from the main field access/exit at grid 303747 167876 onto the B4265, this will allow only the left turn movement of vehicles from the access / exit onto the B4265. **Diversion** The diversion for West bound vehicles will be in a generally easterly direction along the B4265 to the roundabout at Penmark, then "U Turning" at this roundabout and travelling back along the B4265	6.00 am to 8.00 pm
	2/Fonmon Road, Fonmon. North bound carriageway closed to all traffic from Fonmon crossroads at grid 304806 167180 to its junction at grid 305056 167844 Nurston Road **Diversion** Northbound traffic will be diverted west along Port Road to the Blue Anchor, north through Burton Terrace and Burton Bridge, then in an easterly direction along the B4265.	6.00 am to 2.00 pm

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Dated this 4th day of August 2016

M. E. Punter, Director of Environment & Housing
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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN AGRICULTURAL SHOW 2016

The Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan Council, Councillor Stuart Egan, would like to wish everyone involved with The Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Show a happy and successful event.

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GLAM AT GLASTONBARRY

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THEY came from near and far. They came to dance, to sing, to revel, but most of all, they came to have fun – and not go to a similarly-named, and very corporate, music festival in Somerset. GlastonBARRY is Barry's antidote to the mega-festivals, and this year's event – held in Romilly Park – certainly was. Crowds flocked to see the likes of Guns N' Roses, Kasabian, Queen, Bob Marley, Bon Jovi, The Rolling Stones and the Arctic Monkeys, and were not disappointed, because the bands performing were tribute acts – and just like the originals.

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Forthcoming PACT meetings

CADOC – Meet your local officer today (Thursday, August 4) at Waitrose, Palmerston Road, Barry between 11am and 1pm.

COURT PACT – the Witchell Community Hall, Dyfan Road, Barry today (Thursday, August 4) at 6pm.

KEY TO SUCCESS! Coun Lis Burnett officially hands over Sully library!

'Hub' plans for Sully library

SULLY library was officially handed over to the 'Sully and Lavernock Community Library Trust' by Vale Council cabinet member Lis Burnett on July 27

The Trust is a registered charity which will seek financial support for the volunteers to achieve their ambitions.

The community library will be run entirely by local volunteers trained by the Vale's library service, which will maintain and develop the existing range of services offered in the village.

There will be an immediate extension of the present opening hours, as well as schemes to increase membership and the start of a book delivery and collection service for housebound residents.

The volunteers plan to develop the library into a community 'hub' by, among other schemes, working with Sully Primary School and Beechwood College to encourage young readers, by starting a mother-and-toddler reading group and by offering free Wi-Fi and ICT facilities and training, together with a cup of coffee and a chat.

In addition to normal library services, residents will also still be able to purchase Vale Council recycling, garden waste and canine faeces bags.

Opening times in week commencing August 8 are: Tuesday, 11am-6pm; Thursday, 3pm-6pm; and Saturday, 9am-1pm.

Call into the library, or email sullycommunitylibrary@gmail.com with any comments or queries.

RAMBLING IN THE VALE

UNDER darkening skies and with heavy bursts of rain on the journey to Rhoose railway station, it seemed that the evening two-hour walk would be, to say the least, damp!

However, by 7pm the skies had cleared and the sun put in an appearance and the evening remained dry for a group of six female walkers that joined Joy from Penarth and District Ramblers for the evening tramp.

The walk took in urban Rhoose and Nurston, as well as a coastal walk back from East Aberthaw.

Crossing the main Vale railway line and tramping pavements to the perimeter fence of Cardiff Airport, a path behind houses led through a small park and along a bridleway between fields of ripening wheat with grand views towards the tall chimneys of Aberthaw power station and the cement works.

Exiting onto a lane and passing through the quiet hamlet of Nurston, a stretch along Port Road led them to the Blue Anchor pub in East Aberthaw, which opened in 1380 and no doubt was used by many of the infamous smugglers on stretch of coastline .

Heading through Well Road under the railway bridge and following paths in woodland to Pleasant Harbour, the ruins of the Aberthaw limeworks, established in 1888 by David Owen came into view. This local lime was renowned and had hydraulic properties, making it ideal for use in damp conditions such as harbour and canal work. The ruins overlook a lovely lake.

Originally the River Thaw flowed through this area and during the 16th and 17th centuries the port of Aberthaw was very active. When Aberthaw power station was opened in the 1960s, the river was re-routed and now flows through a man-made channel straight into the Bristol Channel further along the coast.

Making their way towards the steps at the end of the sea defence wall and crossing the salt flats where the salt lagoons are fed by the incoming tide at Andrews Pant, steps led steeply up the cliff and into Fontygary Leisure Park.

Their return along the Wales Coast Path, as it stretches along the clifftop to Fontygary Bay, heralded views across the Bristol Channel to the misty Somerset coastline and Dunkery Beacon, the highest point on Exmoor, before fields stained pink with willowherb, red clover, purple thistles, scabious and yellow flowering agrimony led back to their start.

On August 6, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for an eight-mile moderate walk taking in Cwmtillery Lakes. Contact Su on 07954 139946.

To follow the group, please log on to www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com or Facebook. Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 20 255102

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CHARITY TABLE TOP SALE

A TABLE-TOP sale will take place at the Glamorgan Holiday Hotel (outside if weather is fine, otherwise in ground floor function room) on Sunday, August 28; then on the last Sunday of each month.

The sale will run from 10am – 1.30pm.

Vendors pay £10 per table, which can be booked by calling the hotel on 01656 785375. Entry for buyers free.

Proceeds from table hire will go to projects run by Cartrefi Cymru.

Memories of a Barry medical practice...

I WAS interested to read Laurie Owen's recent account of Barry GPs in The GEM, as my parents, Dr C K B (Bryn) Lennox and Dr Mary Lennox, both worked in the seaside town.

My father's grandparents moved to Barry in the 1890s. The Lavis grandparents ran a dairy in Kingsland Crescent and the Lennox grandparents a bakery/grocery at 219 Holton Road.

My father was born in 1913 in Somerset Road and his family moved to Buttrills Road in 1922, where his father taught in Barry Grammar school for boys.

My father studied medicine in Cardiff, where he met my mother (also a medical student) and they both graduated as doctors.

My father was called up to the Army during the last war and was in the RAMC in the 53rd Welsh Regiment. I was born in 1942 and my mother moved to Barry in 1943, living with my father's parents.

Dr Mary Lennox was school medical officer and was appointed deputy MIOH of Barry in 1943 and in 1947 appointed MOH of Barry, Port Medical Officer and also Medical Superintendant of Barry Accident Hospital, Barry Maternity Hospital in Woodlands Road and the Neale Kent Infectious Diseases Hospital.

The appointment caused a few raised eyebrows at the time as she was the first woman to be appointed as Port MOH. She continued in this post until the reorganisation of local government in 1974, when the position of MOH was abolished.

When my father, Dr C K B (Bryn) Lennox was discharged from the army in 1946, he joined Dr George Lewis in GP partnership and we moved into 161 Holton Road where the surgeries were held.

Dr Lewis was originally based at 161, and then moved to live in Porthkerry Road, where there was a branch surgery. The surgery receptionist lived next door in 159 and Drs Sandy and Eileen McGill had a separate surgery in the Towers 163.

Our lounge was on the first floor and our bedrooms on the second floor. As a child, I had to be quiet while the surgery was running – which was from about 8.30am to 12pm and from 6pm to 8pm, apart from a half day per week – and included Saturdays.

Our car was garaged around the corner in Watson Street, and I passed the police and fire stations each morning to go to school in Holton Road Juniors.

I remember the speaking tube which I think must have been connected in those days to the electric system, as occasionally I had a mild shock on touching it.

In 1950, Dr Caddick joined the partnership and he and his wife moved into 161 – and we moved to Cadoxton. In 1952-3, Dr Gwilym Keble Williams joined the partnership and shortly afterwards, he occupied 161.

My uncle, Dr John Rhys Williams, also joined, but he lived in Porthkerry Road at first. The practice continued to grow at 161 Holton Road after this, until its move to the Waterfront in around 2007.

Dr Pat Parry.

Poppy appeal

VOLUNTEERS are required for the RBL Poppy Appeal from October 24 – November 12. Please contact Andy Reekie on 01656 669988; Wreaths should be ordered as soon as possible!

Spotlight on breast cancer

Local campaigner Pam Allinson with Jane Hutt (on right) at a recent meeting of Breast Friends, the group set up by Pam.

THE Vale AM, Jane Hutt, has become an ambassador for leading charity Breast Cancer Now.

She joins 17 AMs from across Wales who are spreading the message that breast cancer is not a 'done deal' and that immediate action must be taken to stop the disease taking lives.

Ms Hutt said: "Around 600 women are still dying from breast cancer each year in Wales. Breast Cancer Now will be working closely with breast cancer ambassadors, to help them take action to tackle breast cancer in their local areas and in the Welsh Assembly, and to ensure that Wales' most common cancer remains high on the political agenda."

By bringing together policymakers, scientists, fundraisers and campaigners across the country, staff at Breast Cancer Now believe that by 2050 everyone who develops breast cancer will live – but only if action is taken now.

The AM went on: "Too many women are still dying from breast cancer in Wales. We must act now if we are to finally put an end to deaths from the disease and I am, therefore, very proud to support Breast Cancer Now and its bold '2050 vision'.

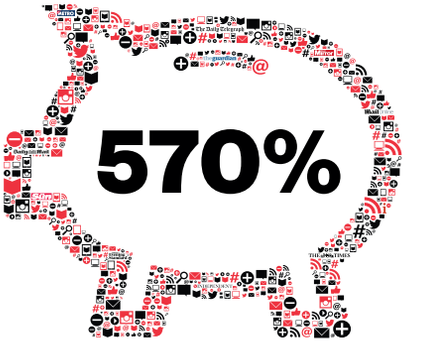
"I have worked for many years with Pam Allinson, Breast Cancer Now champion and pioneer in the Vale of Glamorgan.

"Together, we urgently need to put the spotlight back on this dreadful disease locally and nationally.

"By becoming a breast cancer ambassador, I will ensure that action is taken on behalf of the women and families affected by breast cancer within the Vale."

LLANTWIT SCARF SWAP

THE Net Cafe in Llantwit Major will host a scarf swap in aid of BMS Uganda on Saturday, August 13, from 12pm to 3pm. Bring a scarf – take a scarf! £3 donation expected.



Does any other financial investment deliver such a handsome dividend?

The effectiveness consultancy Benchmarketing have analysed what happens when companies include press advertising in their media mix.

They looked at 500 econometric models, across a five-year period and discovered that adding newspapers dramatically increases the return on investment of other media.

In the financial sector they reviewed companies ranging from high street banks to insurance providers.

And they found that adding newspapers dramatically increases the overall effectiveness of the entire campaign, by up to 5.7 times.

That is getting on for a six-fold increase in ROI.

Clearly, if you are in the financial industry, you ought to be in the newspapers.

But as the table here shows, the uplift in other categories also proves uplifting.

Increased effectiveness using newspapers

Retail	Automotive	Finance
2.8x	**1.7x**	**5.7x**

So, whatever business you are in, the research is worth a read: **newsworks.org.uk/effectiveness**

newsmedia association

MENTER IAITH BRO MORGANNWG

MYND AM DRO... i'r Fenni!

#EleniYnYFenni daw'r Eisteddfod Genedlaethol i'r dref, felly mae Dai Lingual wedi bod draw am dro ychydig yn agosach i'r ffin na'r arfer:

Dechrau ein taith oedd Penperlleni, enw sy'n awgrymu'n gryf mor ffrwythlon yw'r ardal hwn sydd ar ben y berllan. Mae ardal y Goetre yn Sir Fynwy, enw sydd ond wedi cynrychioli y rhan yma o'r tir ers 1996, tra bod y rhanbarth 'hanesyddol' yn ymestyn hyd Rymni yn y Caerffili modern.

Er ein rhagfarnau fel siaradwyr Cymraeg am dir y ffin, mae'r iaith wedi chwarae rôl amlwg iawn yn hanes Sir Fynwy, a heddiw mae plant yr ysgolion Cymraeg lleol yr un mor debyg â'u cyndeidiau i allu deall yr enwau sydd â tharddiad – os nad sillafiad – Cymraeg: od tu hwnt oedd gweld arwyddion ffyrdd megis Llanvihangel Gobion wedi teithio i lawr o'r Canolbarth! Treigliad annaturiol o Langatwg Feibion Abel yw Llangattock-Vibon-Avel sy'n arddangos yr un fath o sillafu nad sy'n adlewyrchiad teg iawn o'r hen Wenhwyseg - y dafodiaith leol sydd wedi gadael i fro ddifancoll ers meitin.

Wrth i'r Gymraeg ail-gydio yn y tir trwy addysg Gymraeg i bawb, daw'r cyfle hefyd i ailfeddianu enwau lleol: yn 1965 cafodd etifeddiaeth yr argae ger 'Llandegveth' ei adlewyrchu yn fwy teg gan yr enw Llandegfedd.

Enwyd Ysgol Gwynllyw oherwydd mai dyna'r dyn oedd yn feistr ar y tir rhwng afonydd y Rhymni a'r Wysg yn ystod y 5ed ganrif, ardal bydden i'n dueddol o alw'n Gwent hyd heddiw. I fod yn deg, mae'n weddol annelwig ble mae Sir Fynwy yn gorffen a Gwent yn dechrau, sy'n ein hatgoffa o eiriau yr awdur lleol Raymond Williams a oedd â diddordeb mawr ym meddylfryd ac ystyr ffiniau.

O Goetre, bu ein taith gerdded ar hyd y gamlas fyrraf ym Mhrydain i Lanofer – sydd ag eglwys sy'n awgrymu yn gryf taw o'r Hanover-iaid daith yr enw yn hytrach na Ofer Sant – chwliwch yn ofer amdano os anghytunwch â mi! Cawsom ein hatgoffa yno o brysurdeb mawr Gwenynen Gwent; debyg gymrodd hi Augusta Hall ei henw o Fryngwenin sydd hefyd yn gyfagos i'r Fenni yn ogystal â'i phrysurwch.

Mae enwau strydoedd megis craith neu fendith ar unrhyw le, a gwelwn fod yr enw Traitor St yn nhre'r Fenni yn cofnodi digwyddiad pan gafodd Owain Glyndŵr ei adael i mewn i'r dref gan rywun a gafodd ei ystyried – er yn Gymro – yn fradwr. Atgoffeb yw'r Ysgubor Wen taw tref marchnad yw'r Fenni sy'n parhau yma'n boblogaidd iawn efo brodorion y cymoedd cyfagos. Daliodd Maes y Llarwydd fy llygaid bach i hefyd...ond cyfeiriad at goed 'larch sydd yma nid y llawrydd!

Yna Coed Morgan - pwy oedd ef? Efallai'n gyndaid i'r awdur Richard Morgan sydd eisoes wedi ymchwilio enwau'r ardal os am ddarllen mwy cyn dod draw i'r Fenni ar ddechrau'r Eisteddfod ei hun!

Mae mwy hanesion o ardal Y Fenni mewn rhaglen arbennig am Eisteddfod y Fenni ar wefan BBC Radio Cymru. Dilynwch yr hashnod #EleniYnYFenni neu chwiliwch am "Wedi'i Phennu Yn Y Fenni" arlein. Am wybodaeth bellach cysylltwch gyda david.wyn@dailingual.cymru

TEITHIAU CERDDED CYMRAEG GYDA VALEWAYS

Ydych chi'n joio cerdded? Ydych chi'n dysgu Cymraeg neu yn siarad Cymraeg yn rhugl efallai?

Mae cerdded yn ffordd wych i gymdeithasu, gwneud ffrindiau newydd a chael hwyl wrth gadw'n heini!

Dydd Mawrth 2 Awst - 'Crwydro' Ynys Y Barri (Taith Iach)
10.00yb Gorsaf Rheilffordd Ynys Y Barri CF62 5TH

Dydd Sadwrn 13 Awst – Grisiau Eogiaid (Taith Estynedig)
2:00yp Eglwys St Peter, Dinas Powys CF64 4BT

Dydd Iau 18 Awst – 'Crwydro' Penarth (Taith Iach)
10.00yb Gorsaf Rheilfford Penarth CF64 3DQ

Dydd Mawrth 23 Awst – Ffontygari (Taith Ddilyniant)
10:15yb Gorsaf Rheilffordd Y Rhws CF62 3HB

Cofiwch wisgo esgidiau trymion a dillad addas. Dewch am dro a hybu'r Gymraeg yn y Fro. Croeso cynnes i bawb! Am fwy o wybodaeth ewch i www.valeways.org.uk neu cysylltwch â Ruth 07800969157.

BETH SYDD AR EICH MEDDWL?

Mae pawb yn ceisio gofalu am les iechyd eu meddwl

Fodd bynnag, nid yw profiad dros chwarter o'r boblogaeth yn y maes hwn, yn un pleserus. Mewn mis lle glywn am bryderon difrifol athrawon a phlismyn yn dioddef o iselder yn y gwaith, un thema sydd yn hoelio fy sylw yn yr erthygl yr wythnos hon.

Fel glas-newyddiadurwr, rwy'n ymwybodol iawn bod y diwydiant yn un heriol, uchelgeisiol a rhwystredig ar adegau. Yn wir, mae gan bob un proffesiwn y potensial o roi unigolyn o dan bwysau. Ond, hoffwn ganolbwyntio'n benodol ar iechyd meddwl newyddiadurwyr yn unig y tro yma.

Yn ddiweddar, cefais y fraint o dderbyn ysgoloriaeth Cwmni Anrhyddeddus Lifrai Cymru sydd yn fy ngalluogi i deithio i America fis nesaf i gyfweld â newyddiadurwyr. Yr hyn sydd wedi fy nenu yno yw'r ffaith bod y newyddiadurwyr hyn yn aelodau o sefydliad unigryw sy'n cynnig cefnogaeth i newyddiadurwyr sy'n dioddef o iselder yn dilyn y pwysau gwaith sydd yn wynebu'r proffesiwn. O ymosodiadau terfysgol, rhyfela a damweiniau traffig, mae gohebwyr ymysg y cyntaf i gyrraedd digwyddiadau erchyll ac maent yn aml yn parhau i ohebu yn syth o lygaid y ffynnon. Mae hyn wrth reddf yn gallu cael effaith andwyol a phellgyrhaeddol ar iechyd meddwl y newyddiadurwyr.

Fel rhan o'r prosiect "Beth sydd ar eich meddwl?" byddaf yn olrhain hanes trist y gohebydd Christopher Morgan a gymerodd ei fywyd yn 2008 yn dilyn cyfnod o salwch meddwl ac iselder. Nid yw'r sefyllfa yn benodol i un math o newyddiadura nac ychwaith i un lleoliad. Tra'n ymweld â'r Unol Daleithiau byddaf yn mynd i'r Ganolfan 'DART –for Journalism and Trauma', sydd yn gwneud gwaith arbennig wrth gefnogi gohebwyr.

Mae Sian Williams, cyn-gyflwynwraig Breakfast, BBC newydd gyhoeddi llyfr o'r enw 'Rise: Surviving and Thriving after Trauma'. Mae'r llyfr yn olrhain ei phrofiadau wrth iddi

ymdopi â chyfnodau heriol yn y byd gwaith a phersonol. Na, tydi e ddim yn llyfr tywyll. Yn hytrach, mae'n archwiliad dwfn o sut gall gwytnwch yn ystod ein dyddiau mwyaf tywyll ein hysbrydoli i oresgyn trawma, galar a salwch. Wir i chi, dyma lyfr pwerus, yn llawn gonestrwydd, cynhesrwydd a doethineb ac yn sicr, mae'n werth ei gynnwys ar eich rhestr darllen yr haf .

Pwrpas f'ymweliad i America yw ceisio deall beth sydd angen i ni ddysgu am y proffesiwn er mwyn cefnogi pobl fel Sian Williams a pha gefnogaeth sydd ar gael i'm cyd-weithwyr. Fel rhan o'r prosiect byddaf yn gwahodd newyddiadurwyr rhyngwladol i gymryd rhan mewn ymgyrch newydd sydd yn galw ar bawb i 'siarad am iechyd meddwl yn y gweithle'. Gallwch ymuno â'r ymgyrch trwy ddilyn @onyourmind16 ar Twitter.

Cofiwch fod Mind Cymru yn elusen sydd ar

Cymry Cymraeg Newydd

Bob blwyddyn, mae Cymrodorion y Barri yn cynnal 'Noson y Dysgwyr'. Eleni, mae pedwar siaradwr ail iaith wedi awgrymu term amgen, a hefyd'r gynulleidfa i ymuno â gweithgareddau sy'n rhoi hwb i'r iaith. Dyma'r trydydd llais yn y gyfres – Des Davies..

Cafodd Des Davies ei eni a'i fagu yn y Barri. Ar ôl gadael yr ysgol yn 14 oed, ymunodd â'r Home Guard yn 1942. Wedyn, yn 17 oed ymunodd â'r Royal Welsh Fusiliers a'r Royal Engineers am 25 mlynedd. Dechreuodd Des ddysgu Cymraeg ar ôl cyrraedd 60 oed a wedyn wnaeth Gradd BA mewn hanes ym Mhrifysgol Caerdydd. Mae Des wedi mynychu dosbarthiadau W.E.A. yn Wenvoe dan arweiniad Carol Grant, gan gynnwys cwrs ysgrifennu creadigol a chyrsiau hanes Cymru drwy gyfrwng y Gymraeg. Dyma esiampl o'i waith.

Gwenllian y Dywysoges Cymru

Unig blentyn y Tywysog Llewelyn, ein Llyw Olaf, a'i wraig Eleanor de Montford oedd hi. Ganwyd Gwenllian ym Mhlas Pen-y-Bryn ger Bangor, Gwynedd ar Fehefin 12fed 1282. Un o deulu brenhinol Lloegr oedd mam Gwenllian, ond bu farw Eleanor ar enedigaeth ei baban. Yn ystod Mis Rhagfyr 1282 roedd Llewelyn yn arwain cyfran o'i fyddin i ymosod ar luoedd Brenin Edward yn ardal Cilmeri, ger Llanfair ym Muallt. Ar lannau afon Irfon fe'i lladdwyd gan filwyr o Sir Amwythig.

Ond beth am Gwenllian? Yng ngolwg Brenin Lloegr roedd hi'n beryglus iawn. Tywysoges Cymru oedd hi. Fe drefnodd i Gwenllian gael ei chipio, a'i rhoi yng ngofal lleianod yn Abaty Sempringham, Swydd Lincoln. A dyna hi, allan o'r ffordd, mewn lle ymhell iawn o Gymru, yn garchoror am 54 o flynyddoedd. Bu farw Gwenllian ar Mehefin 7fed 1337 a'i claddwyd mewn bedd dienw ger y lleiandy. Mae'n amheus iawn os oedd Gwenllian wedi clywed am Gymru. Aeth hi i'r bedd heb wybod pwy oedd hi, heb wybod am ei statws fel Tywysoges ac heb glywed gair o Gymraeg. Dymuniad Edward oedd i bobl Cymru anghofio am eu Tywysoges, ac fe lwyddodd, wel, bron.

Yn 1991 fe gyhoeddodd The Guardian erthygl yn sôn am y Dywysoges anghofiedig. Daeth yr erthygl i sylw capten llong o Gaernarfon, Richard Turner. Penderfynodd wneud ymchwil ac i godi cofeb iddi. Yn 1993 dadorchuddiwyd cofeb lechen las o Gymru yn Sempringham. Yn Eisteddfod Bro Dinefwr 1996 sefydlwyd Cymdeithas y Dywysoges Gwenllian gyda'r nod o godi arian ac i ofalu am y cofeb i'r Dywysoges. Doedd neb o drigolion Sempringham wedi clywed am Gwenllian ac roedd syndod iddyn nhw sylweddoli bod Tywysoges Cymru wedi ei chladdu yn eu plith. Mae'r enw Gwenllian yn cael ei gofio nawr.

DES DAVIES

Sais yn troi'n Gymro Cymraeg

Ym mis Mai eleni bu farw George Crabb yn 91 oed. Ymhlith llu o gyfraniadau eraill roedd yn un o gymwynaswyr yr iaith Gymraeg yn y Bontfaen.

Cafwyd teyrnged iddo ym mhapur wythnosol 'Y Cymro' a hynny'n gwbl addas gan fod George yn ei brynu - a'i ddarllen!

Pan wnaeth George (o Lundain yn wreiddiol) a'i wraig Jeanne (o Lantrisant yn wreiddiol) ymddeol dyma nhw'n penderfynu dysgu Cymraeg gan ymuno â Dosbarth Wlpan Prifysgol Cymru, Caerdydd, yma yn yr Hen Neuadd. Dal ati wnaethon nhw wedyn mewn cyrsiau parhau a dod yn rhugl. Yn dilyn hynny roedden nhw'n aelodau brwd a ffyddlon o'r Dosbarth Mwynhau Llenyddiaeth am ddeunaw mlynedd. Cawsant foddhad a llawer o hwyl wedyn yn cynorthwyo eraill i groesi'r bont.

Ar ôl colli Jeanne yn 2010 bu George yn ffyddlon ar foreau Gwener yn y 'Seiat' Gymraeg yn y Cwtsh yng Ngwesty'r Arth. Byddwn i gyd yn gweld ei eisiau'n fawr ond yn ddiolchgar hefyd am fod wedi cael ei gwmni difyr ef a Jeanne ar hyd y blynyddoedd. Coffa da amdanynt.

RHIANNON WILLIAMS

GALW AM WIRFODDOLWYR

Mae Cylch Meithrin Dinas Powys yn ehangu.

Fis Medi bydd mwy o blant ar ein cofrestr a gan ein bod yn derbyn plant dwy oed i fynychu'r Cylch bydd angen help ychwanegol arnom. Gofynwn am help gwirfoddol, nid cyflogedig, i ateb gofynion y Mudiad Meithrin o gyfartaledd plant i oedolion. Rydyn ni'n cynnal y Cylch dri bore yr wythnos- Llun, Mawrth, a Mercher, 9.30-11.30, a gobeithir denu disgybl ysgol neu fam/tad neu famgu/tadcu sy'n gallu siarad Cymraeg neu a hoffai ymarfer neu loywi eu Cymraeg. Byddai cael help un bore yn hwyluso'r sefyllfa. Ar Awst 12 byddwn yn cynnal Te Pnawn yng ngardd 35 Heol Millbrook, Dinas Powys. Am ragor o fanylion, ffoniwch Elinor Elias Jones 02920 512(405 / 07967 188347.

SÊR EIRY

ARIES: 'Dyw gweiddi a strancio ddim yn mynd i ddatrys eich problemau yr Awst hwn Cymrwch anadl ddofn, cyfrwch i ugain a dechreuwch drafod yn gall gyda phobl - a falle daw eto haul ar fryn. Mae ffrindiau yn mynd i fod yn gefn mawr i chi nawr.

TAURUS: 'Dyw hi ddim yn bosib symud ymlaen os ydych chi'n dal i rygnu am y gorffennol. Amser i ganolbwyntio ar eich sefyllfa ariannol a'ch perthynas agos. Fedrwch chi ddim newid pob peth yn eich bywyd. Mae pethau'n argoeli'n dda yn y gwaith. Gwrandewch ar gyngor hen ffrind.

GEMINI: Mae Neifion, planed breuddwydion ac ansicrwydd yn cael tipyn o effaith arnoch chi ar hyn o bryd. Fel rheol fe allwch chi ddibynnu ar eich meddwl chwim deallus i'ch cael allan o drafferth, ond nid nawr. Mae eich meddwl wedi ei gymylu braidd, a mae'n bosib y byddwch chi'n barnu'n annoeth.

CANCER: Mae'r planedau yn mynd i gael tipyn o effaith ar eich gwaith yr haf yma. Mae'n bosib iawn y cewch chi ddyrchafiad o ryw fath o gwmpas diwedd y mis. Ar y llaw arall mi fyddwch chi'n teimlo'n emosiynnol iawn ac yn pigo ar bobl am y manion bach lleiaf.

LEO: Mae 'na bosibirwydd y dewch chi i arian ddechrau'r mis trwy'r loteri, shares, neu falle bydd perthynas yn teimlo'n hael tuag atoch chi. Yn hanner ola'r mis, mae teithio ar y cardiau, felly pam na ewch i rywle poeth ac egsotig am hoe fach?

VIRGO: Mae'r safle'r planedau'n golygu fod 'na benllanw yn eich eich bywyd nawr , a bod rhyw adran bwysig ohono yn dirwyn i ben; ond na phoenwch erbyn diwedd Mis Awst mi fydd drws newydd yn agor, gan gynnig rhywbeth newydd cyffrous yn llawn addewid i chi.

LIBRA: Os yw problemau teuluol yn eich poeni mi fyddan nhw'n clirio toc. Mae rhyw elfen o'ch gwaith yn mynd i gael y golau gwyrdd o'r diwedd ac mi fyddwch chi'n elwa'n ariannol o hynny. Rydych chi'n emosiynnol iawn ar hyn o bryd - ymlaciwch!

SCORPIO: Mae hwn yn debygol o fod yn haf lwcus iawn i chi. Bydd rhwystrau sy wedi'ch dal yn ôl yn ddiweddar yn diflannu. Mae'r pwyslais ar eich cartre ar hyn o bryd – ydych chi'n meddwl symud ty, neu ail-wneud eich cartre presennol? Mae hwn yn gyfnod rhamatus hefyd.

SAGITTARIUS: Rydych chi wedi sgubo ryw broblem emosiynnol o dan y carped ers yn llawer rhy hir. Bydd rhywbeth nawr yn eich gorfodi i wyneb pethau fel ag y maen nhw, ac yn eich gorfodi i wneud newidiadau. Ydych chi wedi bod yn cymryd rhywun yn ganiatol yn ddiweddar?

CAPRICORN: Anghofiwch eich poenau a'ch gofidiau - ewch allan i chwarae a mwynhau eich hunan. Rydych chi wedi bod yn berson difrifol - a diflas - ers yn llawer rhy hir. Nawr mae'n bryd ysgafnhau, neu fydd gyda chi ddim ffrindiau ar ôl! Mae 'na swm o arian sylweddol ac annisgwyl ar ei ffordd i chi.

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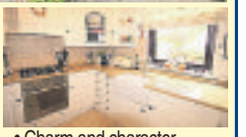

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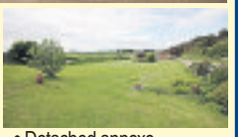

- Four bedrooms
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- Five bedroom property
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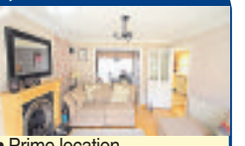

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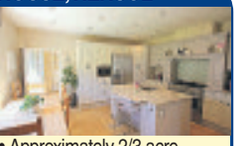

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Looking back at when Barry Town beat Porto

MONDAY, August 1, was a special day for any football fan in Barry, as it marked 15 years since that incredible night at Jenner Park where Barry Town defeated Portuguese giants Porto 3-1 in front of a sell-out crowd.

In 2001, Barry had become the first League of Wales side to win a Champions League tie when the defeated Azerbaijan champions FC Shamkir to set up a tie with Portuguese giants FC Porto.

With the first leg away, the team, managed by former Wales international Peter Nicholas, faced an uphill task against a squad containing such future stars as Ricardo Carvalho, Deco and Jorge Costa.

It was made all the harder as the Portuguese struck five times in the first half alone, the final score of 8-0 harsh but indicative of the class on display from a Porto team who would be under the leadership of Jose Mourinho just six months later.

The return fixture at Jenner Park drew 2,500 fans, many hoping to see some stars of the future and not holding out much hope of turning the tie around, yet with Porto's manager Octavio Machado making wholesale changes from the team that had hammered Barry a week earlier, Barry had the bit between their teeth and something to prove.

Prove it they did, as 90 minutes later they were savouring a 3-1 victory over the Portuguese champions who had taken the lead in the 18th minute through Junior Rubens.

Two goals in a minute would change the course of the game; firstly Lee Philips levelled the scores after 37 minutes and then Mike Flynn grabbed a second to give Barry a 2-1 half-time lead.

The game hung in the balance for much of the second half, the class and flair of the visitors causing no end of problems to the Barry defence, but any doubts over whether or not the home side would hang on to record a famous victory were put to bed in the final minute.

A foul on substitute Mattie Davies by Pedro Esinha gave Barry a penalty and Gary Lloyd (the first, and as yet only, League of Wales/Welsh Premiership player to ever receive an international call-up for Wales) smashed home the spot-kick to cap off perhaps the greatest night in the club's history.

As the years have gone on, and problems have beset the club, the golden glow of that historic night seems to have dimmed more and more.

Yet, as last season's Welsh Cup run proved, the new breed of Barry Town United are a talented group that will be aiming for promotion this season, and then, who knows – maybe there will be even more historic nights to celebrate at Jenner Park.

GARETH JAMIESON

Tennis club hold junior finals day

DINAS POWIS Tennis Club held its junior finals day on Saturday, July 30 on one of the hottest days of the year. The event was sponsored by Pugh's Garden Village.

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Gymnasts show off their agility!

On Saturday, July 16, Penarth gymnasts went to the Welsh Institute of Sport to compete in the Welsh Agility Championships.

Gymnasts from all over Wales were eligible to compete against one another to be crowned Agility champion.

Penarth gymnasts had an excellent day achieving very high standards and placing within the top eight in most of the categories.

Amelia Balfry took to the floor first in the morning and after executing three brilliant tumble routines finished in eighth position overall.

Next to compete were the 9-10 age groups, the team consisted of Bethan Thomas, Rebekah Newbury, Phoebe Williams, Eva Kibblewhite and Paris Lawrence.

The girls performed exceptionally well and were crowned overall team champions. In addition, Phoebe Williams was awarded the top spot and given the title of Welsh Agility champion, closely followed by Rebekah Newbury in fourth place and Eva Kibblewhite in fifth.

In the 12-13 categories, Penarth gymnasts were once again unstoppable. Tia Simpkins and Abbie Evans worked extremely hard to take the top two places. Tia Simpkins was awarded agility champion, closely followed by Abbie Evans in second.

Congratulations to all of the gymnasts that competed at the weekend, you did yourselves and Penarth Gymnastics Club proud - well done!

Penarth Gymnastics is currently running classes over the summer holidays for both beginners and experienced gymnasts. The gym is located in the Ty Verlon Industrial Estate off Cardiff Road in Barry, CF63 2BE.

For more information, please contact Lesley McJennett on 07858773974 or visit our webpage www.penarthgymnasticsclub.org.

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United Welsh Housing Association, in partnership with the Vale of Glamorgan Council, announces the new development at St Lythans Park, Culverhouse Cross.

A local lettings policy apples to this scheme.

- Two, two-bedroom houses
  Rent £99.61 per week (service charge to be confirmed)
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  Rent £120.30 per week (service charge to be confirmed)
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- Standard bathrooms
  Rent £78.64 per week (service charge to be confirmed)

BADGERS BROOK, YSTRADOWEN, COWBRIDGE

United Welsh Housing Association, in partnership with the Vale of Glamorgan Council, announces the new development Badgers Brook Rise, Cowbridge.

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- Standard bathrooms
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ST DAVIDS MEADOW, COLWINSTON

Hafod Housing Association together with the Vale of Glamorgan Council announce a new development of properties at St Davids Meadow, Colwinston.

Expressions of interest are invited from Homes4U members with a local connection to Colwinston (local work, family or life connections). A local lettings policy applies to this scheme.

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- Two, one-bedroom flats (one ground and one first floor)
  Rent £78.88 per week plus service charges

Applicants must be registered for HOMES4U to apply for this property.

Hafod Housing Association is committed to providing a safe and sustainable environment and will be asking for references and carrying out interviews with prospective tenants to achieve the full potential for this new development.

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H4U reference 946723
55 and over
- Studio apartment
- First floor (no lift)
- Independent living officer on site
- Gardens and parking

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CAWLEY PLACE, BARRY

H4U reference 204371
- Three bedroom house

Rent £111.57 per week

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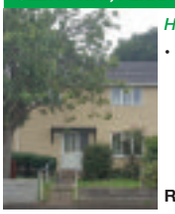
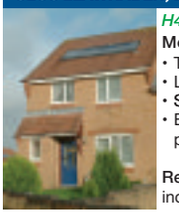


H4U reference 238334
- Three bedroom house

Rent £115.16 per week

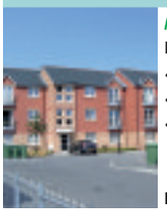
CLOS LLAWHADEN, BARRY



H4U reference 132798
Medical priority
- Three-bedroom house
- Level access shower
- Stairlift
- Enclosed garden and parking

Rent £101.42 per week including service charge

CLOS TYNIAD Y GLO, BARRY



H4U reference 132669
Medical priority
- Two bedroom flat
- Ground floor
- Level access shower

Rent £93.90 per week

DUNLIN COURT, BARRY

H4U reference 131055
- Three-bedroom house
- Stairlift
- Parking

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DYLAN CRESCENT, BARRY

H4U reference 208298
- Two-bedroom flat
- Ground floor
- Communal gardens

Rent £86.81 per week including water charge

HARVEY STREET, BARRY

H4U reference 986216
- Two-bedroom house
- Enclosed garden

Rent £88.77 per week

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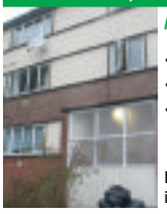
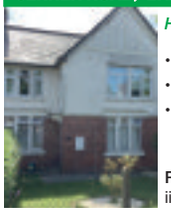


H4U reference 213229
- Two-bedroom flat
- Ground floor
- Enclosed garden

Rent £91.59 per week iincluding water charge

JENNER ROAD, BARRY



H4U reference 213580
- Three-bed maisonette
- Upstairs
- Gardens

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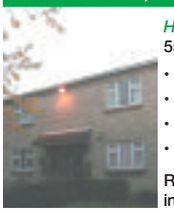
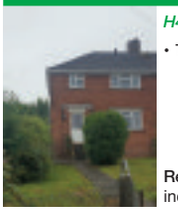


H4U reference 214871
55 and over
- One-bedroom flat
- Ground floor
- Water meter
- Community alarm

Rent £90.26 per week including alarm

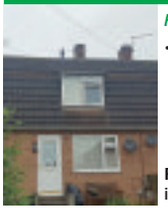
MERTHYR DYFAN ROAD, BARRY



H4U reference 216130
- Two bedroom house

Rent £104.99 per week including water charges

MILTON ROAD, BARRY



H4U reference 216740
- Two bedroom house

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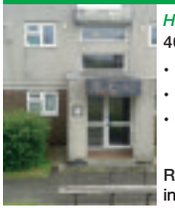
NORTH WALK, BARRY (3)

H4U reference 217847
40 and over
- 3 x one bedroom flats
- Ground floor
- Communal gardens

Rent £97.16 per week including water charges

NORTH WALK, BARRY (2)



H4U reference 217861
40 and over
- 2 x one bedroom flats
- First floor
- Communal gardens

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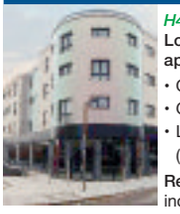
TY'R BARNWR, BARRY



H4U reference 132803
Local lettings policy applies – no children
- One-bedroom flat
- Ground floor
- Level access shower (no bath)

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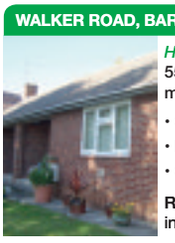

H4U reference 227220
55 and over with medical priority
- One-bed bungalow
- Level access shower
- Community alarm

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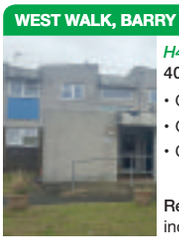

H4U reference 227830
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- Communal gardens

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Resting at A.G. Adams & Son, Tynewydd Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry until her funeral service and committal at the Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Tuesday, August 9 at 1pm. Family flowers only, but donations in lieu of flowers to Marie Curie Cancer Care, Holme Tower, Bridgeman Road, Penarth, CF64 3YR.

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Sadly, despite her courageous fight, Mallissa Ann (née Miles) lost her battle on Monday, July 25. Greatly missed by her little precious miracle son Edgar James, parents Patricia Jean and Ronnie, Maxine and Paul, Mellonie, nephews Myles, Matthew and Mathias, and her partner Darren.

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Funeral service to take place on Monday, August 8 at Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery Chapel, Cemetery Approach, Barry at 2pm, followed by interment. No flowers by request. Donations if desired to be made at the service to support Cardiff & South Wales Trolley Bus Project. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Lyndsay Ellis 01446 407962.

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COOK
Brian William

Passed away suddenly on July 25 at his home in Kalamata, Greece, formerly of Barry. Brian, aged 75 years, loved brother of Jennifer and Richard. Brother-in-law of David and Mary.

SMITH
Joan

Funeral service will be held at Coychurch Crematorium on Tuesday, 9 August at 12 noon.

Donations in lieu of flowers, if desired, to the British Heart Foundation or Cancer Research UK.

NEIGHBOUR
Gladys

It is with great sadness Kay and Keith announce the sad passing of their mother at Llandough Hospital on July 28, aged 96. Much loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

There will a private funeral service with the attendance of immediate family only, as this was Gladys' wish. Family flowers only, donations in lieu of flowers to the British Red Cross.

Acknowledgements

HUMPHREY
Dorothy Jean

Gordon, Judith and Gary would like to thank everyone who attended Dorothy's funeral service at A.G. Adams & Son, Tynewydd Funeral Home on June 6. Dorothy would have been overwhelmed by such a wonderful turnout. We would also like to thank the many friends and neighbours, who so generously donated to the charity Arthritis Research UK, raising £600 and for the many flowers, messages and sympathy cards received.

Also, our grateful thanks to Mr Arthur Thompson and the staff of A.G. Adams & Son in organising the funeral and helping us through our extreme sadness and sorrow.

COLLIER
Ernest

Jean and family would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for giving Ernie such a good send off as well as for all the lovely cards and flowers. Thank you for all the donations to Leukemia Research fund.

DAVIES
John (John the Jolly)

Sylvia wishes to thank everyone who attended the funeral and for all the lovely cards and flowers received, also the generous donations to charity.

HAWKINS
Sheila Ann

Many thanks to all the people who attended Sheila's funeral and the support of all friends and outstanding neighbours.

A special thank you to the Marie Curie nurses and the Western Vale Family Practice, Dr Coleman and Dr Millward in particular. To all the wonderful team of district nurses and the team of carers who attended Sheila this past three years. Last but not least, Mr Brian Thomas Funeral Director.

In Memory

MITCHELL
Frank

Special memories of Frank 7th August

Love and miss you,
Shirley and family xx

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Aaron & Kirsty Vincent

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Born 31st July 2016.
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All our love, Mum, Dad, Luke, Stacey & Evie xxx

Thank You

A BIG THANK YOU

to all my family and friends for the cards and good wishes, and for making my 90th birthday so special. It was just a wonderful day.

God bless you all,
Kathleen Lougher

Anniversary

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BLUE LIGHTS IN BARRY!

THE 'Safer Vale team', in conjunction with South Wales Police and South Wales Fire and Rescue Service, pulled out all the stops to showcase their work at a fantastic 'fun day', which took place at Barry Fire Station.

The Safer Vale Team brought together the three blue light services – and the result was a day filled with ways and ideas to inform all exactly what it takes to be a part of the emergency services.

The mayor of the Vale , Coun Stuart Egan, said: "I would like to thank everyone who contributed to put on such an amazing programme, and the public for supporting the day."

Photographs show Vale mayor Coun Stuart Egan, and his consort Nigel Gibbs, with Safer Vale staff and colleagues from the three 'blue light' services.

NHS 'whistleblowing' campaign launched

A NEW helpline and campaign to help health staff speak up is being launched in Cardiff and the Vale.

'Freedom to Speak Up Safely', launched by the Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (CVUHB), will encourage staff to raise concerns – and managers to listen and respond to them.

A new simplified process, including a 24-hour helpline, is now live and will provide another way for staff to make their voices heard.

It follows the introduction of 'Safety Valve' – a process led by chair Maria Battle for staff that feel their concerns are not being heard.

Maria said staff who had used 'Safety Valve' were glad they had spoken out and the new helpline and other support would help build on that programme.

She said: "I want this to be a listening organisation. One that actually resolves issues, fixes them and makes things happen."

As part of the work to better understand how to improve support for those raising and hearing concerns, a workshop was held with staff.

Dr Aled Jones, senior lecturer at the School of Health and Social Science, has advised the health board on developing the new process.

He said the new approach was focused on learning, not criticism: "Those organisations that have brought in this approach find they learn a great deal for improving things for employees and patients, so it's a win-win."

The work has won the support of various staff groups.

Indu Deglurkar, consultant and lead cardiothoracic surgeon and chair of CVUHB's senior staff medical committee, said there was a stigma around speaking up, but there were benefits for all when those with concerns did.

She said: "If there is a problem one should speak up, not for your own gain but for patient safety. And that's all there is. There's nothing personal about it, you do the right thing for the patient."

The new process includes materials and a short film about the benefits of speaking up and advice on how to. Ruth Walker, the health board's chief nurse, said: "Be brave. If you were a patient or this was you or one of yours and you don't feel that care is right you need to speak out. If it's not good enough for you and yours it's not good enough for any other patient."

'Over-development and no electricity in Rhoose' - GEM READER

IT was great to see the recent photograph in The GEM of concerned residents of Rhoose village protesting about the over-development of Rhoose village.

Do they realise what a difficult road lies ahead of them with a council set on development, development, and over-development of Rhoose village?

Having viewed the recent council meeting online concerning the development, it was clear that the vast majority of councillors lived outside the vicinity, in SMALLER towns and villages than Rhoose. Incidentally, those councillors way exceeded Rhoose councillors, who only amounted to two!

These outside councillors paid no attention to the lack of facilities, a potentially dangerous junction that would enter the new part of the development, traffic congestion throughout the whole village, and potential disaster if the culverts in the site flooded up against the railway embankment.

As no-one seems keen to adopt the Rhoose Point drainage system, this is a worrying possibility.

Of course, there is the compulsory, imaginary, school that the developers have put land aside for (this I think is the 10th school that is going to be built in Rhoose Point!). Apparently, they only have to donate the land, so eventually there will be more houses on that spot.

Seeing as this will probably cost the council a couple of million pounds, this will (thankfully) never get done. I'm sure we all remember the tragedy of Aberfan, especially as the proposed site is, as stated by the council, in the potential flood area.

Affordable housing on the proposed site has gone up to 30 per cent which makes one wonder whether the rural Vale's share will just be deposited in Rhoose Point?

Considering the Vale Council has such big ideas for our village, they haven't had the foresight to overhaul our electricity to accommodate a larger population; we now have to suffer regular power cuts (two in the last month).

This must make Rhoose village a very enticing proposition to future residents – I just hope that our sewerage and freshwater systems are sufficient to cope with a potential population explosion!

Indeed, the Sully travellers' site has been refused on the grounds of a flood risk – and yet Rhoose Point residents and potential schoolchildren are not shown the same concern.

So it seems that once the Vale has merged with Cardiff Council, Rhoose village will lose its identity, and become a dormitory town for the city, and will adjoin Barry.

There will be no such thing as green space and 'the southern most point of Wales' will become 'the most densely populated area in the southern point of Wales'.

Also, it is very unsafe to build a large population so close to a thriving airport; most airports are built way outside towns, within a safe green space boundary, our council seem to be quite oblivious to potential disasters!

Whilst our councillors made some good and valid points in our defence, until they are able to play on a level playing field with an equal quota of councillors, they will, unfortunately, always be out-voted.

Of course, our Rhoose councillors will completely lose their voices if the Cardiff and the Vale councils merge.

(Name and address supplied)

Have your say on the future of Welsh language television

THE public is being given the opportunity to share their opinions about S4C and the Welsh language television channel and contribute to the discussions about its future in an online questionnaire: 'Have Your Say'.

S4C wants the public's voice to be included as the channel prepares to contribute to the UK Government's 'Independent Review' of S4C in 2017.

The review will look at S4C's role and work – the kind of service which it is likely to be required to provide in the future, its remit, accountability and funding.

S4C's questionnaire will ask the public for its opinions on these matters, as well as the type of service it would like to see from S4C in the future.

Huw Jones, S4C Authority chairman, said that it is vital the public is included in discussions about the channel's future.

Mr Jones said: "We want to offer an opportunity for the public to contribute opinions as we prepare for the UK Government's Independent Review of S4C in 2017 – what type of service do they want to see and what kind of modern media service will Welsh-speakers need in the next 10 years? Our hope is that the review will consider this carefully, along with how S4C can provide and fund that service on a secure basis."

The answers in the questionnaire will help the channel as it prepares to contribute to the review in 2017.

The questionnaire is available now online at s4c.cymru

Dog of the week has lots of spirit

THE dog of the week is Whiskey, a stunning Welsh Collie.

At 10 years old, Whiskey is looking for his retirement home, and although a very sweet, gentle dog, he does get a little worried with intense handling.

He is, however, brilliant on the lead and loves his daily walks.

He would prefer to be the only dog in the home and can live with children aged 11 years and above.

If you can offer a home to Whiskey, give him lots of cuddles and love and have a big bed so he can watch the world go by, contact Dogs Trust Bridgend on 01656 725219 or visit our website.

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ALED SION EYES ANOTHER MEDAL

Bridgend's Paralympian champ on the road to Rio

by ANDY JOHNSTONE

BRIDGEND-BORN Paralympian and gold-medallist, Aled Siôn Davies, goes to Rio later this month keen to maintain his successes in a slew of competitions

Aled (25), now based in Cardiff, took bronze in the shot put and gold in the discus at the 2012 summer Paralympics, and gold in both disciplines in Lyon and Doha in 2013 and 2015 respectively. The Welshman is also a world and European champion and record holder.

And while he will hope to build on his Paralympic bronze in the F42 shot put, he was 'devastated' that the F42 discus has been dropped from Rio 2016.

Focused to a 'T', the young man – who also has a successful junior career as a swimmer under his belt – will be applying his determination to the shot in true, never-say-die style.

"I've limited myself to a handful of competitions so far this year, in preparation for Rio; whereas I might have competed in eight to 12 championships in any other year, this time, I've taken part in just four."

Aled is keeping himself fresh for the Games, yet has no qualms over acclimatising for Rio.

"I'll be going out a couple of weeks before the competition begins, although I don't really have any concerns over the temperature. Compared to Doha last year, it should be fine."

The category 'F42' includes single above-knee amputation, double above-knee amputations, and athletes with combined arm/leg amputations. It may also include athletes with severe problems when walking, such as impairments in one leg from polio.

Aled, who switched from swimming to field events in 2006, was born with hemimelia – lacking or a deformity of the fibula – of the right leg.

His determination and will-to-win on the field are matched by – afterwards – an old-fashioned and gentlemanly approach to his competitors.

"Out on the field, when the competition is on, we all hate each other," he said, adding after a pause and with a smile "But as soon as it's over, the mutual respect we have just shines through – though that's a bit easier if I've just won!

"We socialise and eat together... That's one of the great things about the Olympic village where we stay."

He is, naturally, as keen on his fellow teammates, be they from the Wales squad or in this case, Team GB.

"I, and my teammates in field events, are individuals, all out there alone.

"But we're a team of individuals, and that's key. We buoy each other up and egg each other on. That's teamwork; that's being part of a team. We all inspire each other."

Being good at sport requires physical skill. Being a world champion – Paralympian or Olympian – requires supreme physical and mental skill.

Aled has both, and bucketloads of charm and humility, too.

He ended by saying: "Never let a win go to your head, or a loss to your heart. Have no regrets."

The Summer Paralympics begin on September 7. Follow Aled's progress at www.aleddavies-f42.co.uk.

'Nul points' for Cadoxton bowlers

CADOXTON returned from Llantwit Major with no points for the second week running in the Munro Cup.

The only rink that made any impression was skipped by Don Kuhnell against Graham Jones. Although leading throughout the game the home side took the lead on the final end.

Howard Craven skipped against Charles Hiscock and three conceded '4's and a '3' were the difference in the scores.

John Jones only managed a '3' and five singles on his rink. Derek Jeffries skipped a weak link against the strong opposition of Steve Booker and although leading 4-3 after five ends a '5' against on the next started a run for the home side, during which only two further singles were conceded.

Scores: W Craven, D Hammond, I Robertson, H Craven 13-29 L Fowler, P Twomey, A Hayes, C Hiscock; D Fanning, G Solomon, M Curtis, D Jeffries 6-29 J Crane, D Johnes, T Ingroville, S Booker; R Morris, J Papoutsou, P Swannick, J Jones 8-21 G Fox, G Merchant, A Woods, K Garrison; S Conway, A Field, R Byrne, D Brook 12-14 B Colling, P Brown, K Sparkes, G Jones. Final score: 39-93.

Cadoxton were the hosts in this ML7 match against Millwood.

It finished in the home team's favour with two winning rinks, one drawn and the third a narrow defeat.

John Jones skipped his rink to a 6-0 lead after four ends. After 13 ends the difference was still six, but a '6' on the next end opened up a large gap which ensured a comfortable win.

Roy Harding's rink was 5-0 down after three ends. It took until the 10th end before the advantage was changed, and this momentum was continued until the end.

Ivor Robertson had a close confrontation with the scores tied on four occasions during the game. The penultimate end brought the scores level again and on the final end the shot could not be separated so the match ended with a tie.

D Fanning skipped the fourth rink and made a slow start, and trailed 7-0 after four ends. Two '3's and a single brought the scores level.

They were level again on the 14th end, and after the penultimate end another level score was produced. Unfortunately, the home skips attempt to move the jack, made contact but not enough to change the score against, to lose narrowly.

Scores: W Craven, R Morris, S P Clarke, D Fanning 18-20 T Mahoney, P Childs A Norris, G Stone; G Davies, J Papoutsou, P Swannick, J Jones 26-12 D Lewis, P Grange, G Smith, A Williams; A Prince, D Hammond, D Brook, I Robertson 16-16 C Mallows, R Wills, A Thompson, R Gregory; S Conway, D Evans, H Craven, R Harding 27-12 B Howcroft, H Hodgkinson, B Williams, N Parry. Final score: 87- 60.

DK

Athletic Seconds impress as Firsts slip to heavy loss

On Saturday, Barry Athletic second XI entertained Croesyceiliog second XI at The Athletic Ground, Barry Island on a sunny afternoon.

They asked the opposition to bat first and reduced them to 176 for 7 in their 40 overs with Paul Murphy producing figures of 3 for 16 and young Aiden Rutherford 2 for 64, L Edwards top scoring for the visitors with 52.

In reply Barry stormed to their score with only three wickets down as they scored 179 for 3 with the ever-reliable Paul Murphy 73 not out, Damon Leake with a fine 46, Andy Ellis 22 and Billy Usswald 15 not-out as Barry claimed their third win in the last four games.

Barry Athletic first XI travelled the short distance to Rhoose to play the Welsh Asians, lost the toss, and fielded first and soon had their hosts in trouble as they reduced their hosts to 34 for 4 with John Gee picking up 3 for 23 in his 10 overs along with a run out.

Jake Griffett took 3 for 42 with his left arm spin with the ever-improving Shea Ellis picking up 2 for 39 as the hosts were bowled out for 149 in the 38th over.

In reply Barry were soon in trouble as they lost the wickets of Ashley Baker (0), Rhett Jones (4), David Goodway (16), Craig Brock (4) and captain Nathan Baker (13) with the score on only 43.

Shea Ellis shored up the innings with a fine, mature 41 and had support in the later stages of the innings from John Gee as Barry were eventually bowled out for 99 and a crushing 50 run defeat.

This means if Barry are to have any chance of promotion or a title challenge they will need to win five of the last six games.

This weekend Barry Athletic first XI entertain Lisvane, with the second XI away to Blackwood; the club would also like to wish the first XI captain the best of luck for his wedding this Saturday to Bex.

MR

The Penarth Belle Vue Bowling Club roundup

Belle Vue BC vs Sully BC Wednesday, July 27 in the Munro Cup

BELLE Vue lost to Sully in an unusual result.

We won two rinks, tied one rink and lost one. We scored 63 points and Sully 70 points, but our losing rink lost by a greater difference than the other three rinks. Nine points to Sully and five points for us.

Rink one won 18 – 14. Lead was Captain Frank Keen, no 2 was Gordon Ford, no 3 was Paul Paterson and the skip was Barrie Bagwell.

Rink two 22 – 16. Lead was Rowland Fletcher, no 2 was Richard Brant, no 3 was Alan Thomas and the skip was Trevor Ford.

Rink three tied the game 13 – 13. Lead was Richard Fitzjohn, no 2 was Dave Smith, no 3 was Len Fowler and the skip was Colin Scammell.

Rink four lost 10 – 27. Lead was Graham Duggan, no 2 was Paul Booth, no 3 was Dave Miller and the skip was Gerry Field. A big 'thank you' to Sully BC for pasties and the good banter.

Belle Vue BC vs Llantwit Major BC in the Cardiff and District League Saturday, July 30

BELLE VUE played at Llantwit Major and stormed back to a great win, hitting the 'ton' in shots, winning 102 shots to 51 shots.

All four rinks won well: 14 points for us taking the maximum, and rink one won 28 – 16. Lead was Richard Fitzjohn, no 2 was Dave Smith, no 3 was Dave Miller and the skip was Captain Malcolm Thomas.

Rink two won 21 – 17. Lead was Gerry Field, no 2 was Colin Scammell, no 3 was Barrie Bagwell and the skip was Dave Purser.

Rink three won 26 – 8. Lead was Rowland Fletcher, no 2 was Richard Brant, no 3 was Alan Thomas and the skip was Trevor Ford.

Rink four won 27 – 10. Lead was Frank Keen, no 2 was Graham Duggan, no 3 was Len Fowler and the skip was Paul Paterson. It is a few years since we took maximum points off a team and years since scoring more than 100. Well done to all of us. Llantwit took it all in good spirit and gave us a first-rate tea. Thank you, Llantwit.

FRANK KEEN.

MILLWOOD BOWLS CLUB ROUND-UP

THERE was another rather bad result for Millwood in this latest attempt to get a win in this season's Munro Cup, against a Romilly side who showed no mercy to run out a hefty 33 shot winners.

After the first four ends had been played, Millwood were five shots adrift to trail 13 shots to 18, which by the eighth end had jumped to 24-44 in favour of Romilly.

On completion of the 13th end, the gap had extended to a massive 37 shots to 76 for Romilly. Playing the final few ends, with no hope of a comeback, Millwood did claw back a couple of shots to end a disappointing game to come away with the 33 shot deficit, the final score 90-57.

Credit must go to a strong Romilly side for the manner in which the game was played.

Millwood returned to winning form with a very welcome 12 points to 2 total against St Peter's Bowling Club from Cardiff.

A very much needed 12 points if it must be said, as results have not gone too kindly for the Millwood boys.

Millwood started off the afternoon's game by taking a nine shot lead after the first five ends had been played, the score being 25-26 to Millwood.

Another five ends played and Millwood's lead had increased to a rather handy 14 shot difference, 42-28.

On completion of the 15th end, a 17-shot gap had opened up in favour of Millwood with the score standing at 59-42, so with just the final five ends to play Millwood hung on to their lead and ended up running out winners by virtue of their 15-shot margin, 75-60.

A big thanks must go to Millwood's rinks two and three for the foundation of the very welcome win.

Millwood A side went to visit Victoria Park to play Cadoxton, but things did not go too well for the A side as they ran out a long way behind Cadoxton by a very big 27-shot losing margin, 87-60.

After the first five ends had been played, the scores were tied at 18-18, and it looked like a close game was on the cards.

Even after the 10th end had been played there was only a matter of four shots separating the sides with the upper hand going to Cadoxton at 34-38.

Cadoxton soon took advantage, and on the 15th end, they had soon taken the control to build up a comfortable 64-40 shot lead. Although there were only six ends to play, Cadoxton never relinquished their lead and ran out eventual winners by 87-60, putting a heavy dent in Millwood's challenge to keep up with the league leaders.

Bridge results

RESULTS for the Vale of Glamorgan bridge club for August 1:

1st Mike Best & David Birt 68.45%, 2nd Phil Felman & Tony Disley 63.10%, 3rd Irene Thomas & Graham Jones 61.61%.

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Tim lands a winner!

ABERTHIN'S Tim Vaughan saddled a winner on the flat at Salisbury on Tuesday when his five-year-old Master Dancer landed the Bathwick Tyres Handicap over one-mile-and six furlongs.

Ridden by 7lb claimer Mitch Godwin, the 9-2 chance won by two-and-quarter lengths from Double Dealities.

Earlier in the afternoon, Bargoed's Bernard Llewellyn won the Venture Security Handicap (Division Two) over a mile with his five-year-old Edge, who, partnered by Bargoed-born David Probert, finished a length in front of Wild Flower.

BRIAN LEE

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Nippers have great weekend at Welsh Championships

THE SLSA Wales Welsh Championships were held again this year at Whitmore Bay, Barry Island over the weekend of the July 16/17.

With a fair weather forecast teams from all over Wales made the journey to Barry to compete in the competition, hosted again this year by Rhoose Lifeguards.

With events starting at 8.30am and families on the beach much earlier, the children took part in sea swims, wades, board races and a number of relay events.

A special mention must go to the members from the youngest age group in the team, many of whom have never competed in a major tournament before and all performed excellently.

A huge 'well done' also to all of the competitors with special congratulations going to gold medal-winning Welsh champions Ava Wong, Connie Millar, Evie Wong, Morgan Beasley, Evie Watkins and Moli Lyons - well done all!

Liz Wong with her team of Rhoose coaches and helpers had the following words of praise for the Nippers over the weekend: "We are all very proud of your efforts at the Welsh Championships. Not only were the performances on the beach and in the sea excellent but your behaviour throughout the competition was first class with all Nippers showing great 'team spirit' in all of the races."

A big thank you also to the organisers from SLSA Wales, the sea safety crews and representatives from other clubs who helped make the Welsh Champs a very enjoyable two days. Thanks finally to the Bay 5 café for the refreshments on offer throughout the day.

The Rhoose Nippers team finished overall in second place out of the 14 clubs competing. Many medals were won in the pair and team events with a list of all individual medal winners below:

Surf Swim: Evie Wong bronze, Ben Ewington bronze, Maisy Wiggins silver, Ellie Bryan bronze, Connie Millar gold, Ava Wong silver. Board: Evie Wong bronze, Maisy Wiggins silver, Connie Millar gold, Ava Wong gold. Beach Flags: Evie Wong gold, Alex Moignard bronze, Lena Davies bronze, Olivia Banks bronze, Morgan Beasley gold, Ava Wong gold, Elizabeth Regan silver.

Super Nipper: Evie Wong silver, Ellie Bryan bronze, Connie Millar gold, Ruby Phillips bronze, Elian Davies bronze, Ava Wong gold. Beach Sprint: Ava Wong silver, Aled Phillips bronze, Ruby Phillips bronze, Olivia Banks bronze, Seth Waggett silver, Evie Watkins gold, Evie Wong gold, Alice Connolly bronze.

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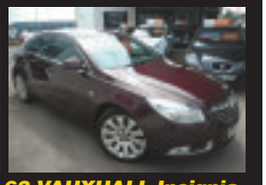

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CAVC rugby team celebrate season of achievement

CARDIFF and Vale College's Rugby Academy has celebrated finishing top of the under-18 Development League and reaching the final of the trophy competition at an inaugural presentation evening.

The event, sponsored by Principality and Cardiff Metropolitan University, brought together current and future players with their families. They were joined by the Academy's coaches and business sponsors for a three course dinner and awards presentation at the College's City Centre Campus.

CAVC's Rugby Academy works in partnership with the Cardiff Blues, and their head coach, Danny Wilson, gave an inspirational speech and presented all of the awards. He also had a tour of the facilities the team use, including the state-of-the-art strength and conditioning gym.

"I am incredibly impressed by the facilities and support available to the CAVC Rugby Academy and I have no doubt that it will prove to be a real conveyor belt for talent in the region," Danny said.

The coveted title of player of the year was awarded to Dafydd Smith while Tom Meehan was given the award for players' player of the year. Most promising and most improved awards were given to Josh Male and Eddie respectively, while Ben Thomas and Jasper Dietz were recognised for their international appearances for Wales under-18s and Netherlands under-18s.

CAVC Rugby Academy captain Dan Watts was recognised for his achievements in representing the Cardiff Blues under-18s and as the first Academy player to represent Cardiff RFC.

Now playing senior rugby in the Championship, Dan has handed the captaincy over to 17-year-old Ben Thomas with Lewis Hill named as vice captain.

An A-Level student at CAVC, Ben Thomas was unable to attend the ceremony as he was representing Cardiff Blues in the Singha Premiership Rugby Sevens, helping the team beat reigning champions Newport Gwent Dragons and securing a place in the series finals.

Selected to fly out to South Africa with the Wales squad in August, Ben will return to play his first full season for Wales under-18s having qualified a full year younger than most.

The growing stature of CAVC's Rugby Academy is reflected in it being awarded the A Licence by the WRU. This can only be granted after meeting strict criteria.

CB

Important win for the Vale Cricket Club

VALE CC's first XI pulled off an important home victory against Monkswood last Saturday.

With other results also going their way, Vale should now prevail in their battle against relegation.

Inserting the visitors, Vale dismissed Monskwood for 141. JJ Davies was in stand-out form as he took 6 for 22. Vale always had the chase under control and Mark Francis (45 no) saw the side home for a comfortable 5 wicket victory.

Although Vale CC second XI once again passed the 200 mark in last Saturday's visit to Monkswood, an undistinguished bowling effort saw the home side win by seven wickets.

Batting first, the feature of Vale's 209 for 6 was 74 not out from debutant Huw Robinson, who played elegantly all around the wicket.

Skipper Carl Brooks (33) and Iestyn Fenn (20) put on 50 for the first wicket.

The main bowling of note came from veteran Iwan Davies whose eight overs went for only 15. Brooks, Greg Andrews and another debutant David Harris picked up the wickets.

CB

POINT-TO-POINT BLAST FROM THE PAST – 1991

by **BRIAN LEE**

AT the Pentyrch in Llantwit Major, Welsh champion Tim Jones brought his season's tally of wins to 13 with a double and luck was on his side in both races.

He took the members' race on Malcolm Davies' *Island Wonder* after the first and second favourites *Solar's Pride* and *Caesar's Bronze*, who were disputing the lead, both fell at the penultimate fence.

In the Men's Four Mile Open, known as the Welsh Grand National, fate also intervened. He was riding Paul Rich's *Temperable*, and had just been overtaken by John Llewellyn on *Harwell Queen* with four to jump, when the leader fell at the next fence, leaving Jones and *Temperable* to romp home by 15 lengths from *Our Boreen*.

Rowland Mansell's five-year-old *Gold Shot* made it four wins out of five, scoring impressively under Tim Rooney in the Adjacent Hunts Race.

Newport housewife Joanne Hawkins was back in the winners enclosure for the first time since 1988, when she took the Ladies' Open on George Wagstaff's *Rostuile*, who had 15 lengths to spare over *Little Lemon*.

My report on the Llandeilo Farmers Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases at Erw Lon, Pencader, began: "Only two bookmakers turned up at the Llandeilo Hunt Point-To-Point at Pencader on Saturday, where gale force winds and driving rain forced officials to abandon the meeting after three races."

Now the Erw Lon course was not the most hospitable of venues at the best of times and one would have to race from one side of the course to the other to get a glimpse of the horses.

On this occasion, conditions were so bad that a number of owners would not run their horses and in two of the three races that were held, only two horses faced the starter.

Few racegoers ventured out of their cars and those in the marquees took their lives in their own hands as the marquees were in danger of being blown away. Two runners faced the starter for the hunt members' race and Brigette Barton made all the running to notch-up her first winner on her 12-year-old *Glen Maye* which beat the favourite *Moshi-Moshi*, ridden by Bridgend's Paul Hamer, by 12 lengths.

There were seven horses in the following adjacent hunts' race and this was won by Hamer, whose mount *Vivaque* came home five lengths ahead of *Caesar's Bronze* ridden by the Vale's Katherine Christopher.

Two of the horses were withdrawn from the race owing to adverse weather conditions and Hamer was chalking-up his 100th win between-the-flags.

Incidentally, *Vivaque*, owned by former Welsh seven miles champion cross-country runner Bill Hancock, was a former stable companion of the legendary *Desert Orchid*.

Of the three horses declared to run in the next race, which was the men's open event, *Brown Rifle* was also withdrawn owing to the adverse weather conditions.

Conditions were a little better at Howick near Chepstow for the Curre Hunt Steeplechases where Penhow farmer David Stephens had a double with *Golden Rambler* in the members' race and *Willy Wagtail* in the men's open.

The grey, *Willy Wagtail*, scored by five lengths from *Red Timber* and a notable absentee in this race was *Devil's Elbow*, owned by the Prince of Wales.

Matsix, owned by Rhondda's Norman Jones, took the ladies' open race with Pip Nash in the saddle, and Guy Lewis, aged 16, of Llanmartin, took the lead in Daily Telegraph novice riders' championship with his fifth win of the season on *Channel Pastime* in the restricted open.

Llanwern steelworker, Joe Price, won the maiden on Irene Cook's *Grangerstown*, who at 12 was the oldest horse in the race.

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Rugby club looking towards new season

WITH training going well, Cowbridge RFC are looking forward to the Tondu sevens this Saturday, taking a squad of 12 players and hoping to do well; the games start at 10am, all support welcome.

The following Saturday, August 13, the club has a fun day, open to all ages, starting at about 3pm with a barbecue and activities, with a band due to perform at about 8pm.

We hope all at the club and beyond will support this event – if you want to get involved with the club this would be an ideal opportunity to come down and meet the players and see what fun can be had. Training continues at the club on Thursdays from 7pm.

The club has now had the fixture list and on September 3 we start the season away at Penygraig with the following Saturday Cefn Coed providing the first opposition at home.

Also on September 10, the Army Air Corp team take on a Cowbridge XV, with an early kick-off likely, in memory of Capt Tom Clarke AAC.

We hope lots of players will make themselves available and many come to support both matches on that day.

RV/RK

New beginners' Bridge course

FOLLOWING success last year, Barrivale Bridge Club is offering a new beginners course, commencing on Friday, September 23 at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry – doors will open at 9.45am for a 10am start.

To quote an expert "Bridge is the most widely played game in the world, and surely the best. It is endlessly fascinating at all levels, from beginner to world champion."

Classes will run alongside those for improvers, who are now enjoying playing with experts on hand to adjudicate and advise! The morning is hosted and taught by Noelle Bond and Jane Brook, who welcome all ages and abilities, including those who may have played in the past and wish to revive their game.

Noelle (telephone 01446 733425) will answer any questions you may have, but be assured, previous knowledge of cards is not needed!

AR

Delyth's 1-2!

THE Vale's Delyth Thomas, who is the leading trainer of Arabian horses in Wales, fielded two horses in The Royal Cavalry Of Oman Handicap Stakes at Bath races last week and they finished in first and second places.

First past the post was five-year-old *KayClaire* who finished one-and-a quarter lengths ahead of stable companion, the 11-year-old *Jamaahir*. *KayClaire* was ridden by top jockey Simon Walker and was returned the 4-1 favourite.

A delighted Delyth said: "*KayClaire* was my eighth winner of the season and I am lying in second place in the winning owners championhip to the sheiks, who own a lot more horses than me!"

FLINT IN SPARKLING FORM

Vale trainer John Flint continues in sparkling form.

After his *Urban Space* had won at Chepstow the previous Friday, the next two horses he saddled both won last week.

Baz's Boy, ridden by Noel Garbutt, was a 16-1 winner for him at Ffos Las on the Thursday and at Bangor on Friday his *Moss Street*, partnered by his son Rhys, came in at odds of 13-2.

At Stratford on Thursday, Rhys won on Alexandra Dunn's *Spring Steel*. John Flint has had his charges in good form and it is interesting to note that in a number of races he has won when there has been a tight finish the verdict has been in his favour.

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Cowbridge CC first team demolish Gowerton in impressive performance

A career best 6-32 from teenage bowler Rian Thomas set up an emphatic 10-wicket win for the Cowbridge first XI over visitors Gowerton on Saturday.

On a good pitch Gowerton could only manage 104, which proved little challenge as the home side cruised home on a golden summer's late afternoon at the sylvan glade that is The Athletic Ground.

There was little to suggest that, as Gowerton's openers put on 40 for the first wicket in good time, the rest of their batting would fail in such a calamitous fashion.

However with Ben Wright keeping things very tight from the Bear Field end, skipper Chris Willey turned to Thomas to replace Alex Kurobasa.

If Chris was looking for immediate results he was to get them. Thomas' brisk right arm bowling was backed up by some excellent ground fielding and even better catching from Wright and Joe Russell.

With plenty of bounce and pace in the pitch, Gowerton's middle order had no answer to the young tyro as Thomas' spell ripped out the top order and reduced Gowerton to a paltry 62-5.

From this difficult position a fightback of sorts took place, with a stand of 29 for the sixth wicket but at 92 the second collapse of the innings took place as Jake George's miserly off spin claimed 2-8.

The tail could not do any better than their higher order and 104 was the sum total of the Gowerton effort.

The first innings had only lasted 36 overs but any hopes Gowerton's bowlers may have had of replicating the Cowbridge effort could hardly have been helped by the sight of the former Glamorgan batsman Ben Wright and his old schoolmate Tom Merilaht, the rock of the Cowbridge batting for so long, striding out in pursuit of an early finish.

In 28 uneventful overs with both batsmen playing beautifully, Wright hit six fours in his 57 while Merilaht did what he does every week as he reached 37.

The match-winning performance came from Thomas however. Indeed Gowerton must be heartily fed up of Thomas.

At the corresponding fixture in June it was Thomas in partnership with Matt Keating batted out 25 overs for an unlikely draw. This time though, it was the use of his major skill that did for the visitors.

It is probably the case that this sort of devastating spell was always likely to be produced at some stage, as Thomas has now been in the first XI for a couple of seasons but, while he has always been capable of producing good deliveries, he has also found it difficult to demonstrate the ability to hold it all together over a spell – until now that is.

One element that helped Thomas was the bounce and pace of the pitch. Over the past two years Tim Williams has been hollow coring the square, taking out cores of rather fibrous material and replacing them with a more solid loam.

To complement this there has also been a programme to replace the invasive but useless Annual Meadow Grass with a special mix of grass varieties which will root deeper and help produce a more solid surface. The quality of the pitches this season would suggest that the programme is working.

It was only 5pm when the finish came and the Cowbridge faithful who enjoy watching the last hour or so of cricket with the aid of a little refreshment were bemused to enter the ground but see no game going on.

Bemused they may have been but they were certainly not disappointe. After all, the win gave Cowbridge 26 points. The Division One bottom half now reads Llandysul 155, Bronwydd 147, Cowbridge 145, Maesteg Celtic 128 and Skewen 109.

Cowbridge have to play the bottom two and Bronwydd as well as Briton Ferry Steel so there is no room for any complacency to creep in.

There is, too, an administrative googly that might emerge. It is possible that three sides rather than the normal two will be relegated from the South Wales Premier League back to their feeder league, in this case the South Wales Cricket Association.

The reason for this is that the numbers teams from the SWCA and South East Wales Cricket League in the pan-South Wales Premier League must be kept in balance between east and west.

With three SWCA teams occupying the three bottom places as things stand today Cowbridge would be in trouble, so there is much to play for at Skewen next Saturday.

JRB

Cowbridge Bowls Club news update

THE ladies played two matches last week.

The first was in a two rink Evening League game away to the Sophia Gardens team known as Cardiff G.

Although losing on both rinks Sue Flower's quartet performed well and were unlucky to lose by just 1 shot.

Rink scores: Dorothy Pritchard, Joan Bradley, Sylvia Hole and Sue Flower 11-12; Lynda Wilson, Caryl Davies, Phyllis Price and Kay Edwards 10-28. Match score: Cowbridge 21, Cardiff G 40.

In contrast playing, at home, in the Thursday afternoon league, Cowbridge out-bowled their visitors from the Penarth Rectory Road Club winning on three rinks.

The Penarth club had one memorable end playing on Shirley Wilkinson's rink when it secured a 'hot shot' (all of their bowls were closest to the jack).

Shirley's team recovered by scoring five on the next end and with the help of Lin Wallace, May Jones and Sylvia Hole went on to win 25-20.

Other rink scores: Lynda Wilson, Corrie Bufton, Diane Lloyd and Helena Snelling 38-5; Diane Purnell, Janet Morton, Dorothy Pritchard and Joan Bradley 22-11. Match score: Cowbridge 85, Penarth 36.

The men also played two matches this last week; both were at home.

In the first, a midweek Munro Cup game, Cowbridge played the Murch Club from Dinas Powis. It proved to be a one sided match.

Murch generally had trouble finding weight and length on the carpet green so much so that Clive Pritchard and Alan Wallace's rinks amassed more than 40 shots over 18 ends while the opposition were still in single figures.

The other two rinks also won well, match score Cowbridge 140, Murch 40. Before this match Cowbridge's shot difference for the season to date was showing a minus figure – it is now a plus!

Stronger opposition was provided by the Pontypridd team Ynysangharad in the weekend league. Ynysangharad won on three of the four rinks.

Bob Penn's rink lost by just one shot on the last end but the match overall was won for Cowbridge by the outstanding play of Roger Barwick's team.

This earned Cowbridge eight points, while the visitors were happy to take six points from this match.

Rink scores: Mansel Davey, Brain Williams, Colin Wilson and Dennis Snelling 10-18; Gerry Lloyd, John Trott, Clive Pritchard and Bob Penn 19-20; Terry Dunsworth, John Jones, Bryan Hole and Norman Wilkinson 13-20; Ron Frayling, Peter Launder, Guy Morton and Roger Barwick 32-10. Match score: Cowbridge 74, Ynysangharad 68.

This Saturday the men are away to Gelligaled needing to pick up some points to get away from the foot of the table.

MB

SECONDS ARE STILL IN PROMOTION HUNT DESPITE DEFEAT

COWBRIDGE second XI's defeat, away against Llanelli last Saturday, was only their third of the season but may be a crucial one as they now sit third in the table, 15 points off a promotion spot.

Having been invited to bat first on their home patch, league leaders Llanelli set Cowbridge the formidable total of 206 for victory in 40 overs, courtesy of a patient 90 not out from opening batsman J Verma.

His innings, while not without a moment of controversy when a clear stumping was turned down, was the backbone to the home side's innings and his early dismissal may have seen a different outcome.

The Cowbridge bowlers started well, with the ever reliable and economical John Gilbert bowling his 8 overs for just eight runs and at 56 for no wicket after 20 overs, the visitors seemed to be in a commanding position.

However, with wickets in hand and a strong batting line up, assisted by some indifferent bowling, Llanelli were able to increase the tempo during the second half of their innings and amassed a further 150 runs in the next 20 overs.

The Cowbridge fielders stuck to their task admirably during the onslaught and a mention should be made of Kevin Roberts, Umar Rafique and particularly Dave Gascoyne, all of whom took outstanding catches, but it would be fair to say that at the half way point, the home side held the upper hand.

Needing in excess of five runs per over from the outset, Cowbridge needed to get off to a fast start so, in the absence of Jonty Webb (who is still recovering from a broken nose sustained last week), the hard-hitting Navid Younas was promoted up the order to open the innings.

Unfortunately, his early dismissal put Cowbridge on the back foot but a partnership of 47 for the next wicket followed and at 50 for 2 off 13 overs, the visitors were in a position that gave them hope rather than expectation of a victory.

It is fair to say that much depended upon Gascoyne, Cowbridge's find of the season. To date, he has amassed 550 runs at an average of 68.75 and another high quality performance was required from him.

Gascoyne did indeed play another fine innings, scoring 77, but when he was dismissed in the 25th over with the score on 112, Llanelli were firm favourites to win the game.

Despite valiant efforts from Rob Thomas, Kelvin Roberts and stand-in captain Ian Evans, Cowbridge's innings petered out as wickets fell regularly in the run chase and the visitors finished on 145; losing by 60 runs.

The end of the season is fast approaching with only four games remaining so the team will be hoping to return to winning ways and stay in the hunt for a promotion spot when they welcome Kidwelly to the Athletic Ground this weekend.

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World champ Lee is set for possible British mega-fight

BARRY'S boxing world champion Lee Selby could be set for a British mega-fight with Northern Ireland's Carl Frampton.

Selby is the reigning IBF featherweight champion and after Frampton took the WBA featherweight title from Mexico's Leo Santa Cruz on Saturday night, the Northern Irishman made it clear that a fight to unify the belts was a possibility.

Frampton said: "Lee Selby is a great fighter, someone I respect and one of the best UK fighters."

He favours a clash in Belfast, but Welsh boxing fans will fervently hope it could come to Cardiff – either at Cardiff City Stadium, with a capacity of 33,280, or the Principality Stadium which can hold 74,500 people.

Selby described Frampton's performance as "amazing" and added: "Now let's unify the belts."